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Woodstock Historical Society president Larry Bonney in the doorway of the society's museum. A. Chapman

Small historical societies take on big challenges

BY AMY CHAPMAN

It takes a lot of work to preserve the past, especially in small towns, where shoe-string budgets and a small volunteer pool add to the challenges of caring for artifacts and researching local history.

Over the years, vital records have been lost to fire or neglect, family heirlooms have been lost or sold, and the names of people in old photographs have been forgotten.

Collecting artifacts, curating exhibits, and maintaining archives all take countless hours of painstaking work, almost always unpaid and often underappreciated.

But the presidents of three small local historical societies—in Woodstock, Greenwood, and Gilead—say it's worth it.

Woodstock Historical Society
"It's part of the history of the town," said Woodstock Historical Society president Larry Bonney, looking over a collection that includes crank phones from the Bryant Pond Telephone Company, a pulpit and organ from the South Woodstock Church, and memorabilia from Woodstock's centennial celebration in 1915.

He said the society is particularly interested in finding more information and photos about the South Woodstock/Perkins Valley neighborhood, adding that donations of items for the museum are received "all the time."

"If we didn't preserve it, I don't know what would happen to it," he said.

An interest in local history and in tracing their genealogies prompted Bonney and his wife, Elsie, to join the society in 1999. In the past few years, he said, he has had more time to devote to the organization, serving as its vice president and taking over as president after Olive Risko, still an active member, decided to give up the office.

The society's collections are housed in a former railroad storage building that was purchased in 1984 from Annie Crockett, whose husband Robert had used it to store his antique cars. The building, which is well over a century old, has a full basement for storage, as well as two floors for exhibits.

To avoid having to heat the large, open space, monthly meetings are held at the town office during the colder months. Bonney said drastic fluctuations in temperature could also cause damage to some items in the collection, so it's best to keep them in "cold storage" for the winter.

Greenwood Historical Society
In Locke's Mills, artifacts and local memorabilia fill two houses on Main Street owned by the Greenwood Historical Society, which formed in 1979.

The Swan House, purchased in 1980, contains exhibits, archives, a meeting room, and a darkroom. The Bennett House, next door, houses the overflow.

"We may be the only historical society in Oxford County with a darkroom," said Greenwood Historical Society president Blaine Mills.

A unique part of the Greenwood Historical Society's collection is a set of nearly 2,000 glass photo negatives, taken over a century ago by local photographers Nettie Cummings Maxim and Guy Coffin.

Maxim, who lived on Bird Hill for nearly all of her brief life (she died in 1910 at the age of 33) was a self-taught photographer with a natural talent for composition and detail.

"The society was given all of Nettie's glass negatives by her children, Walter and Winnie," said Mills, who was fortunate to be able to identify many of the photos' subjects through frequent meetings with the

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Rep. Head ponders bill to prevent more withdrawals; legislators to also weigh changing local formula

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The list of "Legislator Bill Requests" for the current session of the Maine legislature includes one from Rep. Fran Head of Bethel entitled "An Act to Prevent Further Withdrawals from School Administrative Districts and Regional School Units."

Head represents, in addition to SAD 44 towns Bethel and Greenwood, the town of Newry, which is currently engaged in a school withdrawal process from SAD 44. Newry is expected to vote later this year or early next on whether to actually leave the district. Financial projections indicate if Newry withdrew, there would be a significant financial impact on the remaining three district towns, because each town's share is

based wholly on its property valuation. Newry pays approximately \$2.9 million of the school budget.

Head said by e-mail Monday she was prompted to pursue a possible bill by "citizens from my district."

"Concerning my bill on 'school withdrawals,' at this time I am discussing the issue with several other representatives," she said. "They, too, are concerned. If one of them wants to take the lead sponsorship, I would be fine with being a co-sponsor. At this time we are still discussing the issues involved."

She was asked if the intent of such a bill would include stopping withdrawal processes currently underway, such as Newry's, or only preventing potential ones in the future. Head said she would have to check

with "others that may be on board and legal advisors" before addressing that issue.

Formula change?

On another school funding issue, the legal consultant for the Newry Withdrawal Committee said at a meeting last week he had been in touch with an attorney for the town of Frye Island, which is in SAD 6, regarding a separate bill that will be introduced into the Legislature. SAD 44 and SAD 6 both have a special exemption, passed by the state Legislature 10 years ago, that has kept their local school cost-sharing formula based entirely on the member towns' property valuations. SAD 6 has a high valuation and no students.

Attorney Dan Stockford

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Concerns raised about Newry school withdrawal proposal

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Members of the Newry Withdrawal Committee and a former selectman reacted last week to the committee's proposal to SAD 44 for a withdrawal agreement.

The proposed agreement, presented to SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy Jan. 8, outlines how Newry students would be educated and at what cost, and also proposes how to settle financial obligations between the town and the district, should Newry residents ultimately vote to leave. A School Board subcommittee will now consider the proposal and negotiate a final agreement with the town committee for Newry voters to consider.

The plan proposes the town tuition its students to area school systems, including SAD 44. But it also calls for a "Stabilization Fund" to spread out over

four years the expected significant financial impact of the loss of much of Newry's \$2.9 million annual contribution to the district budget. Newry would gradually reduce its current payment to 80, 60, 40, and then 20 percent of that figure over that time period, eventually transitioning to a tuition-only format.

And the plan also proposes a "Targeted Fund" that Newry residents would raise in tax money for at each annual Town Meeting, to contribute to SAD 44 for uses determined by the Newry School Committee, following input from a separate committee that would include SAD 44-appointed representatives.

"We're not going to pull the plug on SAD 44," Newry Withdrawal Committee member William Andrews said at last week's committee meeting.

"We're not going to just walk away," He said the

Stabilization Fund, with its declining contribution to SAD 44, would "wean it off the dependence on Newry."

Andrews said as the other towns increased their contribution and the Targeted Fund took effect, "the district could potentially end up with more resources than it has now."

He said the two funds together "answer the criticism that we don't care about the district and the kids. We do."

As for the impact on Newry, he said, "It does not necessarily mean the taxes in Newry will go down. It may very well mean we continue to pay the same amount we pay now."

Chairman Jim Sysko said that with the Targeted Fund, Newry would get more say in the education of its children under the plan. "Now Newry voters

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The settling of Woodstock

BY AMY CHAPMAN

(Note: In anticipation of Woodstock's bicentennial celebration, which begins Feb. 7, the Citizen is publishing a series of three articles looking back at the town's history.)

In 1795, the residents of settlements at Paris and New Pennacook (now Rumford) petitioned the General Court for a road connecting the two settlements.

According to William B. Lapham's History of Woodstock, Me., published in 1882, "Previously, and at this time, the distance—about twenty miles—could only be made on foot by the aid of spotted [blazed] trees....During the summer of 1796, the road was cut out and made passable, though still very rough."

After the road was built through the as-yet uninhabited region that would become Woodstock, Christopher and Solomon Bryant of Paris, hired a surveyor to map out ten 100-acre lots for a family settlement, five on each side of the new road.

The Bryant brothers were fa-

miliar with the area, having been seasonal visitors to the lake that was then called Long Pond (later Bryant's Pond, and now also known as Lake Christopher), where they came to fish and hunt.

In fact, according to Lapham, they "were in the habit of spending much of the summer here and then returning to Paris in winter."

They moved into the first two houses, built of logs they had cut from the land, in October of 1798, and on November 12 of that year, Christopher Bryant, Jr., son of Christopher and Susannah Swan Bryant, became the first baby born in the new settlement.

By the winter of 1799-80, there were five families living in the settlement; by the following winter, there were nine.

Lapham reports that by 1812, there were 42 families living in Plantation Number Three, as the area was then known, despite what he goes on to describe as challenging conditions.

"There is much evidence going to show that these fourteen years, to the pioneer settlers,

had been years of toil and privation. They were, without a single exception, poor men, with nothing but their hands with which to wrest from a rough surface and hard soil, the means of subsistence for themselves and for their families. It was a hard hand to struggle for existence."

There was no store, grist mill, or doctor in the settlement—for these services the settlers had to travel to Paris Hill.

"As one of them once expressed it in my hearing," Lapham wrote, "We were too poor to live without suffering

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Letters

LET FREEDOM RING

To the Editor:

Every time you cast your vote it rings the Bell of Freedom that so many have sacrificed to protect.

Voting is one of the fundamental rights we have as citizens.

The 2015 Annual March Town Meeting marks a historic milestone for the citizens in the Town of Newry.

For the first time in Newry we will be conducting our annual Town Meeting following the provisions mandated in Title 30A-2528 by a Secret ballot process (adopted Aug. 20, 2012) This will make it necessary to do our annual business in two parts to be held on March 2 and 3.

First all day March 2 the polls will be open to choose one of our three Selectman and two School Board Representatives.

The next evening March 3 at 7 p.m. our traditional Town Meeting will be held to conduct the remainder of the Town's Business.

This process allows for any registered voter to cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at the polls on Election Day.

You don't need to have a specific reason or be unable to vote at the voting place on Election Day to receive an absentee ballot.

Absentee voting allows you to cast a ballot without going to a voting place on Election Day.

For the first time in town history citizens will be able to drink from the cup of freedom in private.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Newry Town Office until Tuesday, Feb. 24.

For absentee ballots, rules and instructions as well as relevant deadlines call the Newry Town Office at 824-3123.

So be sure to vote now or at the polls which will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on March 2.

Let's Ring that Bell loud and clear!

Brooks Morton
Newry

NEW EXCHANGE/PANTRY PRESIDENT

To the Editor:

Callie Pecunies is the new president of the Bethel Area District Exchange & Food Pantry. After several years of doing this, I am pursuing other volunteer opportunities.

Callie brings a wealth of experience and much enthusiasm to this organization. Maryvonne Wheeler will continue to manage the District Exchange, and Dave Bean continues to manage the Food Pantry.

This organization does a great deal of good by providing food to our neighbors in need. The resale of used clothing at the District Exchange helps to fund the Food Pantry as well as donations from many individuals and businesses in the area. Between 60 and 90 families each month benefit from the food supplied by the Food Pantry.

Thanks to the great board of directors of as well as the many volunteers for this organization.

Please welcome Callie Pecunies.

Betsy Foster
Locke's Mills

BENEFIT CAKE AND COOKIE SALE

To the Editor:

The Telstar National Honor Society is hosting a Valentine's Day Cake and Cookie Sale to raise money for Stop Hunger Now, an organization dedicated to ending world hunger. Our goal, with the help of other Maine NHS chapters, is to raise enough money to feed over 10,000 people. We will be attending the State NHS Convention on March 12 and 13 and will help package those meals. Valentine cakes and cookies can be ordered online by going to the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZhUgd6YWsrenGx1BqAE0BFnwCumRomGseZCEFOHIE/viewform>.

You may also stop by the Telstar High School office for a paper order form or you may call the Telstar High School Office at 824-2136. We are offering \$10 chocolate or vanilla cakes with pink frosting and decorations. We also are offering bags of 3 sugar cookies for \$2 or a dozen sugar cookies for \$5. The order deadline is Feb. 6. Orders can be picked up at Telstar High School on Friday, Feb. 13, or for an additional \$5, your order can be delivered to you. Thank you for helping us meet our goal for Stop Hunger Now.

Aislinn Forbes
Telstar NHS Vice President

SAD 44 DIRECTOR ON NEWRY PROPOSAL

To the Editor:

I am currently serving as chair of the SAD 44 Newry Withdrawal Committee. I wish to personally address some key points about the proposed Withdrawal Agreement. These are my own comments and not negotiations. The SAD 44 Newry Withdrawal Committee will negotiate the specific terms of the Agreement, with the legal support of our attorney, with the Newry Committee.

The SAD 44 School board recently passed the following resolution unanimously: "It is the School Board's goal to keep Newry in the district. Newry's withdrawal would have a significant negative impact on the quality of education in MSAD 44.

Apparently the Newry Committee agrees with the impact by proposing their two key financial points in the Withdrawal Agreement. Jim Sysko stated in last week's Citizen:

"We're trying to ease the shock to the system" and "Because Newry pays far more per student than any other town in SAD 44, Newry's withdrawal will obviously have a large impact on the district's budget. We recognize this and have proposed two mechanisms to ease the burden."

The proposed Stabilization Fund eases the burden incrementally. The Targeted Grants Fund doesn't functionally address the impact. The Stabilization Fund provides a structured decreasing amount of contribution by Newry for four years, while the Targeted Grants Fund depends on a yearly approval by voters at the annual Newry town meeting. The Targeted Grants Fund is not a reliable funding mechanism. Is it realistic to think that Newry voters are going to annually approve a voluntary grant of \$2,000,000+ to SAD 44? SAD 44 can't build a working annual budget that depends on grants.

The bottom line is that at the end of the 4 years of the Stabilization Fund, the entire loss of Newry's share, approximately \$2.6 million, will need to be made up either by the other towns with significantly higher taxes or through serious budget cuts that will hurt our students' education. The current Newry Stabilization proposal simply draws out the pain for four years.

I request that the Newry Committee tell us how withdrawal will serve to improve the quality of education in SAD 44 for all area students. The Newry Committee has repeatedly stated that they are focused on the quality of education in SAD 44. After withdrawal, if Newry students continue to attend SAD 44 schools, they will likely be attending a significantly impacted school system. Improving and maintaining academic excellence in SAD 44 is key to maintaining economic sustainability in our area.

Recently in a letter to the Newry Selectmen, Dana Bullen, General Manager at Sunday River Resort stated his concerns about withdrawal.

"Part of Sunday River's mission is to promote and build its surrounding community by providing jobs, bringing visitors to the area, and supporting local causes. With that in mind, we feel compelled to reach out to you on behalf of our team members, neighbors, and guests regarding Newry's ongoing relationship with SAD 44.

Withdrawing from SAD 44 will negatively impact our community, now and in the future. We appeal to you to think about this issue very clearly moving forward.

A healthy school system is crucial to the overall wellbeing of our community, including Sunday River's greatest strength - its team members. Looking at the big picture, we need to examine the long-term role education plays in our lives for ourselves and for our neighbors, and we need to look into ways we can solve some of the school system's challenges as an engaged and committed group. The benefits of a strong and thriving community far outweigh any savings people in Newry may acquire, whether we're talking about year-round residents or those who pay taxes on second homes."

I believe that it's vital that all of our area students have the same educational opportunities. The reason Newry is currently paying more for their share of SAD 44 is the large property valuation from second homes and large corporations like Sunday River Resort. The proposed withdrawal will shield second homeowners and Sunday River Resort from paying their present taxes.

The finances connected to Newry's withdrawal are ultimately about tax policy. Let's compare what a Newry resident currently pays for property taxes on a \$150,000 primary residence with residents with similar priced homes in Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock. Based on the current mill rates on the four district towns' web sites, The Newry resident pays \$1358; the Bethel resident pays \$1875; the Greenwood resident pays \$1850; and the Woodstock resident pays \$1785. Newry residents have the lowest mill rate. These amounts aren't precise because each home is unique and there are some variations in assessment, but it's a reasonable benchmark.

It is the second homeowners and Sunday River Ski Resort that are paying the largest share of Newry's contribution to SAD 44. Is it good tax policy to lower their taxes and shift that cost to area residents?

According to the Maine Office of Policy and Management the 2012 median household income in Newry was \$49,271; Bethel - \$52,063; Greenwood - \$52,596; Woodstock - \$39,866. According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, the poverty rates were 4.3%, 7.7%, 7.8% and 7.4 % respectively.

Compare that with the median incomes of some of the Cumberland County towns where some second homeowners in Newry likely live. The median household income in Cumberland was \$92,262; Falmouth - \$91,477; Cape Elizabeth - \$85,604; and Yarmouth - \$83,424. The poverty rates were .8%, 1.2%, 2%, and 3.1% respectively. To be fair, there are likely second homeowners in Newry with both lower and higher median incomes, but they all can afford second homes.

Who can better afford to pay more taxes? Should a Woodstock resident with a \$150,000 primary home and an income of \$39,866 pay more taxes than a Falmouth resident with a \$300,000 second home in Newry and an income of \$91,477? Some SAD 44 area residents below the poverty line are likely also homeowners and pay property taxes.

Sunday River Resort has been a significantly important economic engine for this area. The resulting second home construction has benefitted many in this area. One impact is that it has caused real estate values and state valuations to rise in all of our towns. This has created winners and losers. Landowners have benefitted from higher real estate prices, while some people have been priced out of the area. When area valuations increase, the amount of state aid for education decreases. The steady decrease in state aid over the years has fallen on local property owners to make up some or all of the difference.

I am deeply saddened that rather than working together to improve SAD 44, we are spending our energy and money splitting up the district. My goal is to provide the best education possible for all area students.

Marcel Polak
Woodstock director, SAD 44

From your state representative

(Ed. note: This is the first of a planned regular column from state Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel). She will report on bills before the Legislature, the state budget and other issues affecting the Bethel area.)

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank the readers of the Bethel Citizen for allowing me to represent your interests in the Maine State Legislature. The decisions made in Augusta have a direct impact upon each Maine resident and no vote should be cast lightly.

I have been chosen to serve on the Health and Human Services Committee, which shapes upcoming legislation pertaining to MaineCare, Medicaid, children's welfare and mental health services. I am working diligently on your behalf, and will continue to advocate for strengthening the services available for senior citizens. We have a number of significant issues to consider, and I welcome your ideas, comments and concerns.

There is no doubt that this session will be a busy one. From government spending to welfare reform to job creation, there are many important issues on our plate. As taxpayers, you deserve to know your money is being spent wisely, so I will continue to fight against wasteful spending. In addition, it is a priority of mine to make sure that public assistance is going to those who truly need it.

I have already had the pleasure of sponsoring Legislative Sentiments to recognize various special accomplishments of my constituents. Legislative Sentiments are a public declaration in honor of a personal achievement signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. They are also approved by both chambers and entered into the legislative record. Legislative Sentiments are for: Wedding anniversaries 50 or more years; High school honors (e.g. Valedictorian, Salutatorian); Birthdays 75 years old or more at 5-year intervals; Birthdays over 100 years old; Sports honors and awards; Boy Scout Eagle Scouts; Girl Scout Gold and Silver Awards; Chamber of Commerce awards; Civic appreciations, congratulations and acknowledgments; First and second place pageants and athletic awards.

If you or anyone you know would like a Legislative Sentiment, please contact my Legislative office at (207) 287-1440.

I encourage you to contact me at any time with your questions, concerns or suggestions. It is through your input that I will best be able to represent our community. I look forward to hearing from more residents throughout the session.

Frances Mills Head

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing topics they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: A fire that originated in a fog machine associated with a laser tag game caused around \$1,000 damage at the BIG Adventure Center.

A proposal for a 58-lot, 441-acre residential development called "The Peak" on Mt. Will was presented to the Newry Planning Board.

Deaths: Allyn Billings, Vincent H. Onorati, Elbridge L. Farwell, Dorothy M. Swan.

20 years ago: Three days of snow flurries and cold weather pleased winter sports enthusiasts, but the Sheriff's Department received 44 accident reports due to the rain, freezing rain and snow.

The framework for Bethel Station's Casablanca building was nearing completion.

Deaths: Kaarlo V. Polvinen, Marie E. Lang, Carmond Moore, June Plummer.

30 years ago: Pack 566 held its annual Pinewood Derby with 28 boys and cars participating. Judges were Bill Williams, Phil Taylor, Bob Stearns and Norm Clanton.

Telstar's boys' cross-country ski team kept up their winning ways overpowering Gray-New Gloucester and Oxford Hills in a tri-meet at Telstar.

Deaths: Robyn L. DeNormandie, Alberto D. Poland.

40 years ago: John W. Trinward, D.M.D., of Bethel was elected potentate of Kora Temple, AAONMS, at the 1975 annual meeting in Lewiston.

John R. Gasser was appointed General Manager of the Bethel Inn.

Birth: Melanie Rose Stowell.

Deaths: Mrs. Yvonne Charlton, Roy C. Tripp.

50 years ago: John Greenleaf, Richard Davis and Stanley Brown laid a vinyl tile floor in the kitchen of the Methodist parsonage.

Glen Langley of the Gould Academy Outing Club was the winner of the Fifth Annual Mel Jodrey Trophy ski race at Sunday River Skiway.

Birth: Dana Gilmore Danielson.

Deaths: Arthur Gray, Odian Turner, Warren E. Brooks, Herbert M. Brown.

60 years ago: Mrs. Kenneth Wing and Mrs. Donald Walker entertained at a Pokeno party for the benefit of the polio fund.

Robert Davis, Newry, attended the Postmasters meeting at the Hotel Stone, Norway.

Deaths: William C. Bean, Jessie L. Littlefield.

70 years ago: Forty-eight passengers were transferred to Lewiston by Gould Academy and Chadbourne busses when the eastbound passenger train was delayed several hours in Bethel.

District dairy meetings for Oxford County were held in South Paris, Fryeburg and Rumford.

Deaths: Mrs. Jennie A. Bosserman, Mrs. Grace Eagle Stearns, Albert D. Park.

80 years ago: A snow storm covered the Bethel area with 14 inches of snow. Town schools were closed for the day, and the Academy closed at noon.

Gordon Mason was cutting ice on the Pleasant River.

Deaths: Mrs. Lillian J. Marshall, Leo Marston, Charles Thayer, George M. Patton, Mrs. Gertrude Adamson, Joseph Mather.

90 years ago: The total eclipse of the sun on Jan. 24 was plainly visible in Bethel. The sky was clear and bright.

Vivian Hutchins was appointed to the Traveling Auditors Staff in the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N.Y.

Death: John A. Woodard.

110 years ago: A fire, originating in the boiler house, destroyed the spool mill of J. P. Skillings. It was estimated the loss would reach \$25,000 or more.

A free sociable was held in the lecture room of the M. E. Church. A short program was presented and homemade candy and popcorn were sold.

Birth: John Franklin Bunting.

Death: Mrs. Caroline Bartlett, Arthur C. Bennett, Jason W. Kimball.

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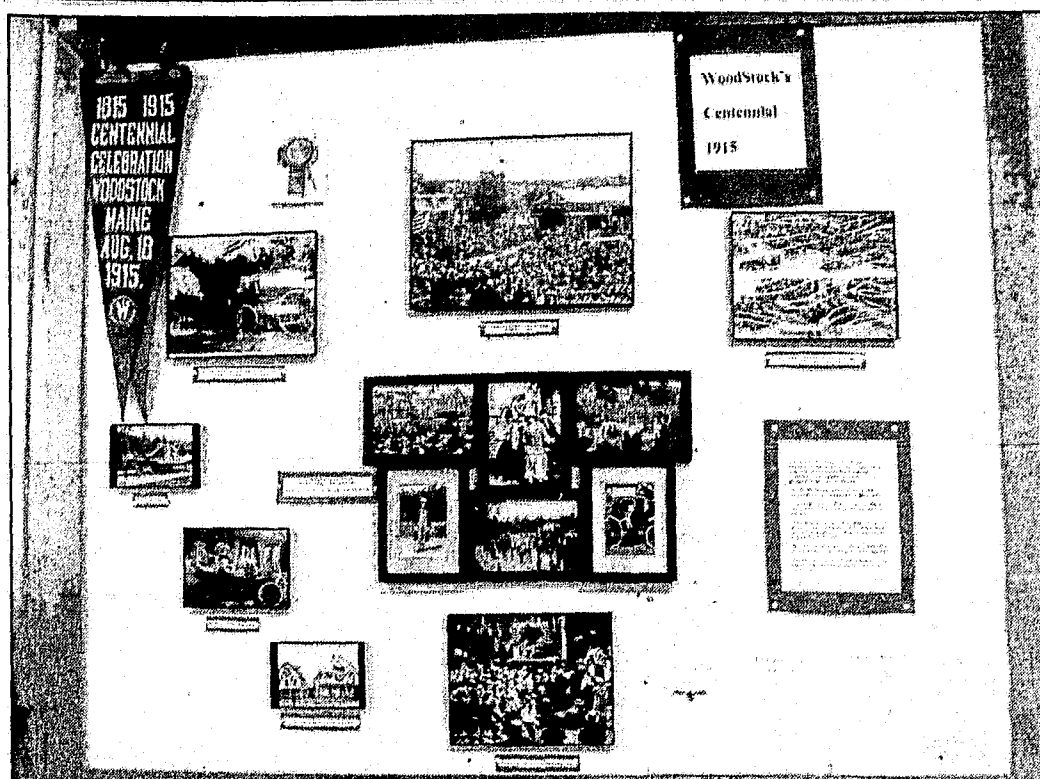
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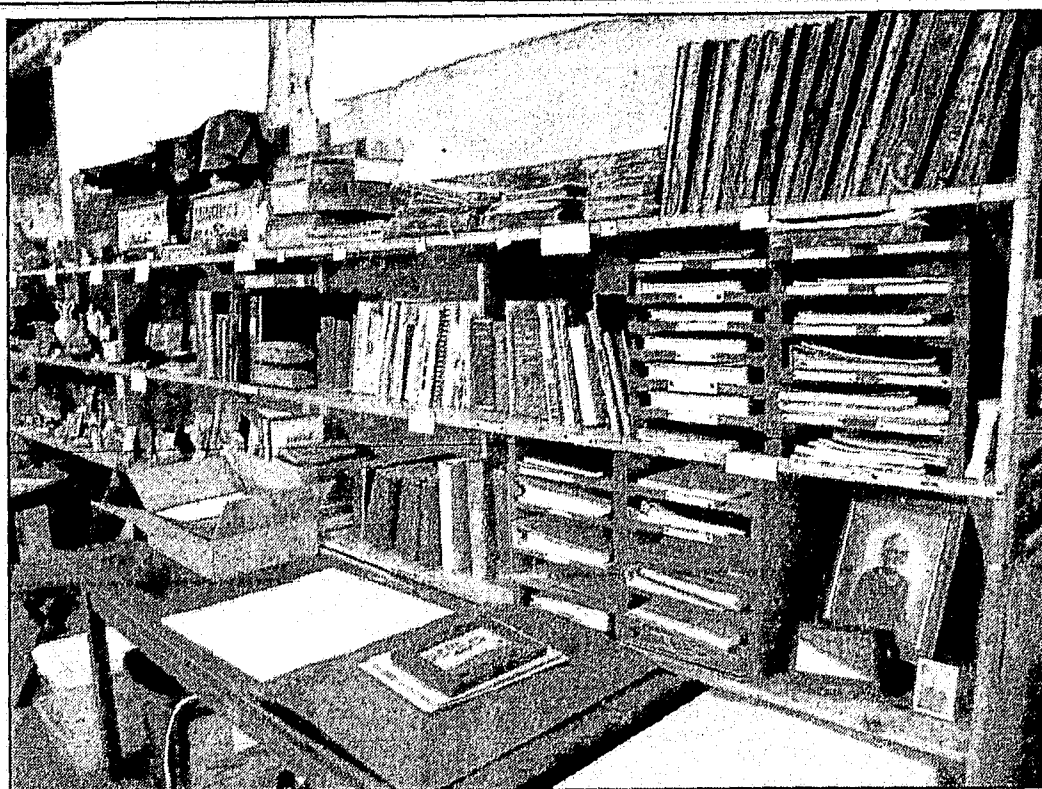
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The Woodstock Historical Society's display of the 1915 Centennial celebration. The town observes its Bicentennial this year. A. Chapman



Research archives at the Woodstock Historical Society. At lower right is a photo of local historian Ruby C. Emery, who compiled her research about the town into several books. A. Chapman

donors before they died. The negatives were stacked together without envelopes and had to be carefully separated, cleaned, sorted, and labeled, he said, a process that took him about two years.

Mills has also spent years researching Greenwood's residential districts—neighborhoods with names like Shadagee, the Tubbs District, and the Irish Neighborhood—and compiling his research in book form.

Although he does not use a computer, preferring a typewriter instead, he makes copies of all of his typed research on acid-free paper. One set goes to the Maine State Library in Augusta, where it is kept in binders and made available to researchers.

Gilead

Historical Society
The Gilead Historical Society was organized in 2004, following the town's celebration of its bicentennial that year, with the mission "to preserve the history of the Town of Gilead for future generations and to continue to improve the town's lands and buildings."

In its short time in existence, the society has been able to restore the 1851 Gilead railroad station, reported to be the oldest still standing in the state, as well as the 1903 Gilead schoolhouse, which had to be moved to make way for the rebuilding of Route 2 several years ago.

Both buildings, now located on the corner of Depot Street and Bridge Street, next to the town office, contain exhibits that recall their original uses. A ticket window, waiting room bench, and small woodstove are set up in the railroad station, and the schoolhouse features old student desks, pull-down

wall maps, and an antique organ.

On summer weekends when volunteers are available, or by appointment on weekdays, the buildings are open to the public, said society president Lin Chapman.

And, she added, "We have lots of people stop by to take pictures, and if we notice them, since we live almost next door, we go over and open up."

Addressing challenges

Each of the small historical societies faces similar struggles. Being located in towns that range in population from 200 to 1,200 residents means that a great deal of work falls on the shoulders of a few willing volunteers, and getting adequate attendance at meetings can be a challenge.

After meeting monthly for many years, the Greenwood Historical Society recently voted to hold meetings only during the warmer months, from May to September. Mills said the move will save money on oil, but also came in response to low attendance.

"We had a lot of members early on," he said, "but a lot of them were senior citizens."

Many have since passed away, or are unable to come to meetings.

"We need at least five members at a meeting for a quorum," Mills said. "We can't conduct any official business with fewer in attendance."

Mills said he hopes some younger people will step up to take over some of the tasks of researching and archiving.

"I'm not going to be able to do it forever," he said.

Rather than holding regular monthly meetings, the Gilead Historical Society puts its energy into organizing two main events, held each year at the Gil-

ead Town Hall (although the Society is a separate entity, not affiliated with the town).

Friends and Family Day, held in June, is a luncheon that is open to the public, and is a major fundraiser for the society. The Annual Meeting and Luncheon in September is also open to the public.

"We present a program at both events that has something to do with Gilead's past in some way," Chapman said via email. "Both of the GHS buildings are open for these events and have numerous displays available for the public to view."

Raising adequate funds to renovate and maintain buildings and properly care for collections is always a major focus for small historical societies.

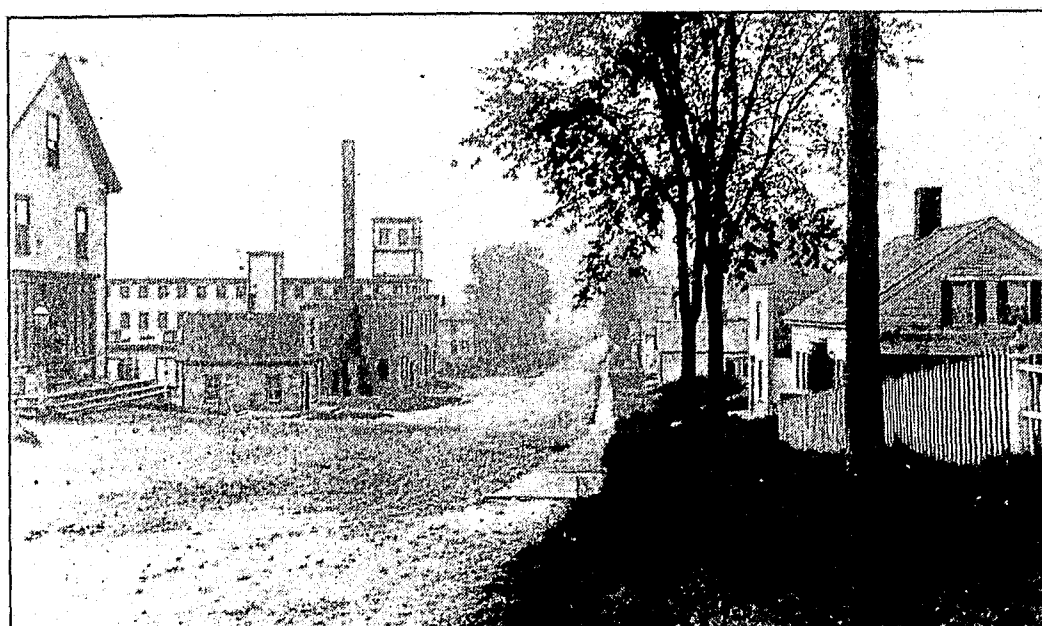
"Funding is a big challenge," said Chapman. "Applying for grants is a necessity since a small town such as Gilead does not have businesses that help support the society."

The Gilead Historical Society received a \$10,000 Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund grant from the Maine Community Foundation, administered by the Presumpscot Foundation, to help restore the 1851 railroad station.

Two recent grants, \$3,000 from the Maine Community Foundation's Sunday River Region Charitable Fund and \$250 from the L.L. Bean Charitable Giving Fund, will be used to complete more needed work in the spring.

Bonney said 2014 was a good year for the Woodstock Historical Society, which has about 80 members and usually draws at least 15-20 to its meetings.

"We had a very good year fundraising," he said. "We received a major donation



A view of Main Street in Locke's Mills at the turn of the 20th century, from the Greenwood Historical Society's collection of the photographs of Nettie Maxim. Blaine Mills and Greenwood Historical Society

from Patriot Renewables that allowed us to paint the exterior of the museum building."

The society also raised money for new lights inside the building through raffles, yard sales, book sales, and individual donations.

Next up, Bonney said, is raising money for indoor plumbing, to eliminate the need to rent a Porta-Potty during the summer months when the museum is open, and raising funds for a new computer system and printer.

Reaching out through social media

The societies are grateful for the support of their individual members, many of whom live out of town or out of state.

"A good part of our membership is made up of people who do not live in Gilead but have a connection to the town through their ancestors," Chapman said. "These people have been very loyal supporters."

Both the Gilead and Woodstock Historical Societies maintain close ties to their

members through regular postings on their Facebook pages, where they share news, meeting information, photos, and videos.

The WHS Facebook page currently features photos from the 1915 centennial celebration and a short documentary on the Bryant Pond Telephone Company, which was the nation's last hand-crank system.

Highlights on the Gilead Historical Society page include photos and notes from the September annual meeting and a photo of the railroad station during foliage season that appeared in Maine Magazine.

The Greenwood Historical Society does not yet maintain a Facebook page, but

Mills said plans are in the works to have one soon.

Upcoming bicentennial celebrations

In 2015, Woodstock is celebrating the bicentennial of its incorporation as a town. The historical society is selling calendars with photographs from the 1915 centennial celebration and working with the town to plan a celebration in the summer.

Greenwood's bicentennial will be celebrated in 2016, and a committee is already meeting monthly to make plans, which include a historical slide show, an art show, an exhibit of local minerals, a Locke's Mills School reunion, and more.

School

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will be able, at Town Meeting, to decide something on education," he said.

But committee member Bonnie Largess, who is also a SAD 44 school director, said the town would not have any say in how the Stabilization Fund money would be used, with Newry gone from the district and no longer having representation on the School Board.

Former Selectman Steve Wight, who with about another dozen residents also attended last week's meeting, said the idea that SAD 44 could end up with more funding after Newry left is "assuming the other towns can would pick up all of the slack."

"Yes, they have to pick up the slack," said Andrews. "Or cut costs," replied Wight.

Selectman Brooks Morton, a member of the Withdrawal Committee, said

he was concerned that under the proposal the town would have no say on educational curriculum.

"The only choice we're going to have is which school which child goes to. If it's my kid, I want all the power," he said. Morton said that while the committee is trying to be fair to everyone else, education should be kept as local as possible.

Dr. Mark Eastman, the committee's educational consultant and a former superintendent in SAD 17, said he shared Morton's concerns. "We wonder at times whether we have any local control at all, in terms of what we are told about what we must teach, how we must teach it, and how we must assess it these days. Schools struggle with a heavy-handed state presence."

Morton wondered if a school system refused

state and federal aid money if it could have more autonomy.

Eastman said while there is some precedent for that for federal funds, he would have to research the state funding question. He said he believes the state would still be involved in at least the operation of special education.

(Note: For reaction to the proposal from SAD 44 director Marcel Polak of Woodstock, see Letters, Page 2.)

Statement

The committee also voted to approve a formal statement on the plan, contingent on adding language requested by Largess that addresses Newry's current school tax rate relative to that of other district towns. Committee Attorney Dan Stockford will work on the specific language for consideration. The initial committee

statement was printed in last week's Citizen. It was provided by Sysko before last week's meeting, in time for publication. But because the meeting took place after the newspaper's deadline, the committee's discussion could not be included in that edition.

Near the conclusion of last week's meeting Stockford outlined the next steps and timeline for the withdrawal process. The negotiations on the withdrawal proposal with SAD 44 would be the most complicated step, he said. Following that, as well as approvals from the state Commissioner of Education and public hearings, he said the latest Newry could vote on a potential July 2016 withdrawal date would be next January. But he recommended a goal to hold the vote in November.

Bill

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said Frye Island recently had new legislation introduced that would change that special exemption formula to be based 50 percent on population and 50 percent on valuation.

"If the town [of Newry] wants to take a position on the legislation, it could do that," he told the committee.

The committee's educational consultant, Dr. Mark Eastman, said that under a 50/50 scenario Newry's contribution to SAD 44 would drop by about \$1.7 million.

The exemption was passed a decade ago, without a public hearing or vote in Newry, and is cited by some withdrawal supporters as a factor in their effort.

Asked about that bill, Head said that "any changes to the school funding formula should emphasize fairness for all towns contractually involved in existing agreements. As a former member of our school board, I know first-hand how hard teachers and administrators work to submit a budget every year. I'll be watching

this legislation carefully in the upcoming session, and look forward to hearing the suggestions and concerns of my constituents."

Last week the SAD 44 School Board voted 8-4 to take no action at this time on creating a local committee to consider alternatives to the current cost-sharing formula for SAD 44 towns.

Absent from that meeting were Bethel Director Frank DeDuca, Newry Director Whitney Gray and all three Andover directors. Andover will withdraw from SAD 44 July 1 of this year.

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Briefly

The flu comes to Bethel

BETHEL-Influenza officially arrived in Bethel two weeks ago, according to Dr. Richard DeCarolis of the Bethel Family Health Center. The BFHC saw its first two confirmed cases two weeks ago, when a pair of high school age students were diagnosed, he said. "We've had three more since then," said DeCarolis. The symptoms of Influenza A typically include a high fever, sore throat, cough and no energy. And the flu strikes quickly. The BFHC patients were given Tamiflu, which lessens the symptoms and usually shortens the duration of them. But to be most effective, the drug needs to be taken during the first 48 hours of the illness. This year's flu vaccine is not as effective as usual, said DeCarolis, because one of the main strains of flu covered has mutated. But, like other health care professionals, he is recommending that people still get the shot because it can reduce the severity and duration of the illness. And particularly in geriatric cases, he said, the shot reduces the odds of death or hospitalization for serious illness.

Newry to hold hearing Feb. 17

NEWRY-Newry selectmen plan to schedule a public hearing Feb. 17 on proposed changes to the fire suppression ordinance and the ordinance governing the Planning Board, they said Tuesday. The Fire Department has requested changes in the language of the fire suppression ordinance. The Planning Board proposal would reduce the number of board members from seven to five. The panel has had difficulty coming up with a quorum for its meetings, according to town officials. Selectmen might also add another hearing item - a new proposal for a parking ordinance, prompted by problems with parking on Route 26 near hiking trail entrances and in areas along the Sunday River Road. The hearing will take place at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. In another Planning Board related topic, selectmen learned that Planning Board Chairman Pat Roma will resign from the board at the end of March. Also at Tuesday's meeting, selectmen continued work on a 2015 budget proposal for the March Town Meeting.

Woodstock to seek used truck

WOODSTOCK-The Woodstock Board of Selectmen unanimously voted Tuesday to allow the fire chief and the town manager to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase a used vehicle for use by town departments. Fire Chief Kyle Hopps told selectmen the 1996 utility truck the Fire Department was using for transportation had been vandalized. "Someone cut the muffler off the back of the truck and stole the catalytic converter," he said. "The truck was sitting right next to our building. I talked to the Sheriff's Office and they said they can't really do anything." Hopps said he spoke with Town Manager Vern Maxfield about the possibility of putting the truck out to bid and purchasing a vehicle that could be used by town departments. "We already had plans to put that utility vehicle out to bid," Hopps said. "We were only holding onto it because we had so many vehicles out of service, and we decided to start using it to travel to EMR classes. I figured that instead of pouring money into a truck that needs a lot of work, we could split the cost of a truck and make it a communal vehicle. Maybe one day, Vern needs to use it to go to a meeting in Augusta. Maybe another day, we need it at the Fire Department, or the Highway Department needs it. Either way, we'd have a vehicle to use for general purposes." Maxfield said the money could come from the Fire Department Equipment Fund, the town's general budget and the sale of the used utility vehicle. "It would be a communal vehicle, so there's no reason we can't split the price up," Maxfield said. The board voted 3-0 to approve the sale of the damaged truck, and the purchase of another for no more than \$5,000. M. Daigle/Sun Media Wire

Albany South comment period postponed

ALBANY-A comment period for a timber harvesting project proposed for the Albany South parcel in the White Mountain National Forest has been postponed until this summer, according to a letter from District Ranger Katherine Stuart. Some opponents of the plan had complained that the comment period should not take place during the winter, while seasonal residents are not in the area. The WMNF had argued there would not be a public hearing during that time, and comments would be taken largely by e-mail. "In order to fully analyze the issues, concerns and opportunities with the project and provide a timely comment period, I am postponing the 30-day comment period until the summer of 2015," Stuart wrote. "The 30-Day Comment Report provided for your review this summer will include descriptions of the existing and desired conditions, public involvement activities, alternatives studied in detail, and the predicted environmental effects of the alternatives."

Settling

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for the necessities of life here, and too poor to go anywhere else."

The inhabitants got along without any formal local government until 1812, when the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (of which Maine was a part until its secession in 1820), directed them to meet to elect "a Moderator, a Clerk, and also Assessors and Collectors for as-

sessing and collecting said plantation's proportion of the State and County taxes ordered on said plantation for the current year."

Just two years later, in May of 1814, the residents of Plantation Number Three petitioned for incorporation as a town, saying, "we experience much inconvenience in consequence of being unincorporated."

The Massachusetts General Court in Boston approved their petition for incorporation the following year, on Feb. 7, 1815.

Although the petition had asked "to be incorporated into a town by the name of Sparta," the act passed by the General Court in Boston and signed by Massachusetts Governor Caleb Strong was titled instead, for reasons unknown, "An act to establish the town of Woodstock."

The name change was apparently acceptable to its inhabitants, and this year the town, the Woodstock Bicentennial Committee, and the Woodstock Historical Society invite everyone to join them in celebrating two centuries of incorporation as the town of Woodstock.

Gould raising funds for food bank



Gould skiers put on a show Friday for WGME Channel 13 as part of an effort to collect food for a food bank. The School Spirit Challenge is a friendly competition among nine schools throughout Central and Southern Maine that lasts eight weeks and is hosted by WGME-TV, FOX23-TV and The Good Shepherd Food Bank (and sponsored by Maine State Federal Credit Unions). During this time, participating schools have to raise as many pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank as possible. Food weighs what it weighs and each dollar collected is equal to five pounds. The school that wins at the end of the eight week period receives a trophy. The winning school's area food bank then receives half of what that school was able to raise for money in a check or on their account at the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Should Gould Academy win this challenge, the Bethel Area Food Pantry stands to win, too. Gould has a number of fundraising and collection projects going on right now for the School Spirit Challenge including food bins set up in the Admissions Building and Hanscom Hall lobby. Additionally Gould is hosting a Maine Day Open House on Saturday, Jan. 31 and is spreading the word to anyone interested in learning more about Gould Academy for school next fall also consider bringing with them something to donate. The easiest way to help is through the online food drive, on the Good Shepherd Food Bank's website: <http://bit.ly/GouldAcademyFoodDrive>. Here, Gould freestyle skier Riley McDonough and snowboarder Bo Warren perform backflips off of a small jump designed for the School Spirit Challenge pep rally.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy



WGME-TV anchor Jeff Peterson interviews Jim McLaughlin, Director of Performing Arts at Gould Academy, about the school's music program and partnership with the Manhattan School of Music during the School Spirit Challenge pep rally.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

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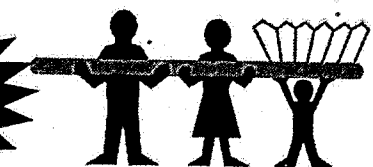
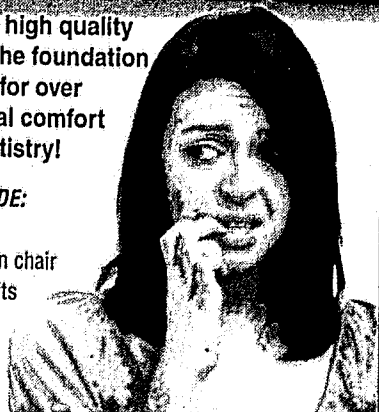
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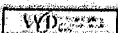
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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Congratulations to all you New England Patriots fans. Your day of day is coming with your beloved NFL team going to the Super Bowl!

I have to admit that I'm pretty excited about it too. For one thing it will be a good excuse to gather friends and family to have a Super Bowl party. It will be an opportunity to make sweet and sour meatballs, pizza bites, zesty chicken wings and some of the other finger foods I always wanted to make but never have. For another thing I have become a Patriots fan myself and actually look forward to the game and I will pray to the pig skin deity that my favorite team wins. I do a pretty good one woman wave and hope to do it several times for every touchdown the Patriots score.

It was not always this way for me. Though my husband has been a Patriots fan for many years I saw football as just a bunch of really big men (boys) knocking each other down. I also saw the game as something that would keep Henry occupied for a few hours while I tended to chores that needed tending.

I didn't understand the game at all. Other than realizing that whatever team had the football was trying to get it to the goal post and the team that didn't have the ball would do everything they could to prevent that, I didn't have a clue.

Over time things started to change, maybe through osmosis from Henry. Many is the time I went rushing to the living room to investigate shouts of "off side" and "unnecessary roughness." I couldn't imagine why he was shouting at the television, primarily at men in striped outfits when it seemed to me that everything that was going on was "unnecessary roughness."

In order for me to appreciate this crazy game of mammoth men (boys) pounding on each other I had to find the humor first.

I guess I started paying more attention and doing fewer chores out of concern that Henry would have a heart attack from all his shouting if I wasn't close at hand to try to calm him down.

Much to my amazement when I started actually watching the game I found some very amusing aspects going on. I thought it was quite funny that these big, big men (boys) playing a very manly sport spent, in my opinion, an inordinate amount of time patting each other on the butt or banging their helmeted heads together like male moose fighting over a fe-

male. It took a while for me to understand that such actions were "Atta boy" gestures.

I also found it quite hysterical that a player, probably weighing 250 pounds and standing 6'5" or so and wearing full padding would dance the "funky chicken" after scoring a touchdown. I thought the whole Disco Duck thing went out a long time ago.

Sometimes other teammates run into the end zone and also do the "funky chicken" or gyrate like they have some kind of nervous affliction. Joe Cocker on steroids.

In order for me to appreciate this crazy game of mammoth men (boys) pounding on each other I had to find the humor first. Though Henry did not find my humor at all funny he did take the time to explain the rules and now I'm the one shouting "off side" and "unnecessary roughness."

So, I am looking forward to the Super Bowl. I'll make a whole bunch of yummy finger foods, I'll do a lot of shouting, I won't get any chores done and I'll hope the New England Patriots win the game and the big trophy.

If my beloved Patriots score a lot of touchdowns (I can hope) the way I see it I just may get a lot of laughs from seeing some really big men (boys) dancing the "funky chicken." I might even get up from the sofa and dance it myself. That might even get a laugh out of Henry.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Cpl. Brian Landis did a school detail at Telstar.

At 9:40 a.m., a report was received of a vehicle passing a stopped school bus in the parking lot at Telstar. Deputy Andy Whitney was assigned, and the investigation was ongoing.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

At 1:32 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco handled an assault complaint in Bethel. A school student had been assaulted by two other students. The incident was being handled at the school level.

At 1:44 p.m. a report was received from Woodstock that a catalytic converter had been stolen from a fire truck. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Thursday, Jan. 15

At 11:14 a.m. a report was received of a hunting rifle stolen from a Woodstock residence within the last two months. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 12:32 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco attempted to serve a protection from abuse order on Broad Street in Bethel. The person was later served in Woodstock.

At 9:14 p.m. Deputies Steve Witham and Nick Gilbert responded to a business on Mayville Road in Bethel for the report of a suspicious circumstance. The incident was still under investigation.

At 11 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a single vehicle crash on the Intervale Road in Bethel. There were no injuries.

Saturday, Jan. 17

At 9:44 a.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Dani Welch responded to Vernon Street in Albany for a rollover accident. There were no injuries.

At 2:37 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a welfare check on a resident in Bethel. There was determined to be a small propane leak. The Bethel Fire Department was called and checked the area, and found no issues.

Sunday, Jan. 18

At 3:02 p.m. a deputy responded to a report of multiple vehicles off the road on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. Deputy Andy Whitney responded. Only one was located. There were no injuries.

At 5:13 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker responded to the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a report of an intoxicated driver. It proved to be a diabetic having a medical crisis. Rescue responded.

At 9:42 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to Mason Street in Bethel to assist with an out of control juvenile. Peace was restored.

At 11:37 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle off the road on Swan Hill Road in Bethel. Because of road and weather conditions, deputies and other services were unable to make it to the scene. The vehicle was to be left there until conditions improved.

Monday, Jan. 19

At 12:09 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of a tractor trailer stuck in the middle of the hill. The road was shut down until MDOT arrived to treat the road and assist the vehicle.

OCSD Jail Log

Jan. 18, 12:50 p.m.: Meagan P. Murphy, 24, of Gilead, failure to appear; by Trooper Ron Turnick in Gilead.



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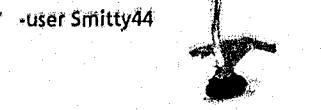
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Kids get a lift at Mt. Abram



"Give a Kid a Lift", a free learn-to-ski program for school-age children, kicked off last Thursday at the Mt Abram Ski Area in Greenwood, Maine. Thirty-three fourth-graders from the Meroby Elementary School in Mexico, Maine took to the slopes for the first time. A grant from the Mt Abram Ski Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to snow sports education in Western, Maine, provided every student in the class a free lesson, lift ticket and equipment rental. Newly-established this season, the program is available to any child in grades 3 and 4 in Oxford, Androscoggin, and Cumberland counties either through a school field trip or on an individual basis. Sponsored by the Mt Abram Ski Club, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, "Give a Kid a Lift" is designed to engage children and their families to explore the joys of winter sports and healthy lifestyles in their own community. Additionally, parents and siblings who accompany the third or fourth graders may also enjoy a day on the snow with deep discounts on lift tickets and rentals. Later this season, children from Agnes Gray, Holy Savior, and Rumford Elementary Schools will participate in the program. For more information about enrollment in this program, please contact the Mt Abram Ski Club at skiclub@skimtabram.com or call Maria at 207-875-5000 x312. The club has raised nearly \$13,000 to date through private and corporate donations with an additional \$7,000 goal for a total of \$20,000 to support this seasons' events. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation please visit <http://www.razoo.com/story/Mt-Abram-Ski-Club>. - Maria Holloway

Town News

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Carol and Rodney Jordan celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home in West Bethel on Saturday, Jan. 17. The event was planned by their three children, Audrey, Karen and Sherwood. Carol and Rodney were married at the parsonage of the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel on Dec. 31, 1949.

There's a lot of hype in the news media about gas prices going below \$2 a gallon. We didn't see that here in Oxford County until last week. For a few days the Sunoco and Shell stations in West Paris waged a mini-gas war with their prices going back and forth between \$1.97 and \$1.99 a gallon. Prices are now back above \$2 a gallon. The national average on Sunday night was \$2.067, but here in Maine it was \$2.175. Watch the news and keep up with www.maineprices.com.

There are some deals out there.

Those of us who snowshoe or cross country ski sometimes don't use groomed trails. For us conditions can vary wildly. We had great snowshoeing for a few weeks, and then Sunday's rain not only washed away snow, but also created extremely icy conditions both on the roads and on the trails and in the woods. I've noticed a growing number of winter cyclists in the area. Not people who use their bicycles for commuting on roadways, but people who do off-road snowbiking on snowmobile trails or ice-biking on ponds and rivers, a sport usually done on a bicycle with fat, underinflated tires. Although this sport appears new to us, winter cycling has been around for decades. In the 1890s and early 1900s when people rushed to the Canadian Yukon and Alaska to look for gold, the Klondike Bicycle was a popular mode of transportation. Prospectors sometimes bicycled up the frozen rivers. James Michener wrote about this unique mode of winter

transportation in his novel Alaska.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



I hope everyone was able to stay in during the icy road conditions on Sunday. It sure was a mess and extremely dangerous.

You may remember that Bettyann Hastings said that the whole family would be together this past Christmas. So she planned some-

thing very special to enjoy together the Sunday before Christmas. DiAnne, owner of Deepwood Farm, came with a dragger and prepared a trail for all to take turns going on a sleigh ride. Everyone loved meeting her horse "Sam, I am." It was the crowning point of the weekend. Amos Kimball and family along with Dave Morton and grandsons Jack and Sam also joined in on the fun sleigh rides. Ellen and Scott Franklin and their children Kathryn, John and Summer stayed for the whole week. Then Bettyann and Sonny spent a quiet New Years at home.

It is time for the answer to

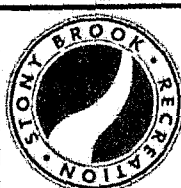
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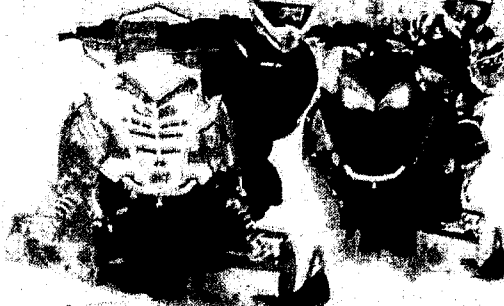
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Bethel Family Health Center welcomes new provider

Kristen Waitt, FNP will be joining Bethel Family Health Center this winter to provide medical care to area residents. She recently completed the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and is board certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She obtained her undergraduate nursing degree at Connell School of Nursing, Boston College, Mass. in 2010 and subsequently worked in a Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Epilepsy Patient Care Center.

"As a registered nurse," Waitt shared, "I discovered that many people do not have access to quality primary care. Because of this, a number of patients have preventable diseases that have progressed uncontrollably because of a lack of early detection. As an advanced practice nurse practitioner I hope to fill this void by providing quality primary care, with a focus on education and prevention, within the local community." She continued, "I believe building longstanding relationships with patients is an important part of providing quality primary care. While growing up in southern Maine, Bethel became my home away from home after my family spent many weekends in the area. I now look forward to returning to the area and becoming a part of the Bethel community."

At the health center, Waitt will work alongside physicians Rich DeCar-



olis and Kevin Finley as well as clinical social worker, Leslie Lufkin who provide medical care and behavioral health services to 3,800 people from Andover, Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Hallowell, Newton, Upton, Woodstock and neighboring towns.

Bethel Family Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of 11 Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, Medicaid and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit celebrating a 40-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

the Trivia this week. Peregrine Page ran the ferry a short time for Elmer Trask and lived in a little camp beside the river.

Feel free to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrich-cracker@gmail.com. I do appreciate all your help gathering news and sharing information.

Have a great week.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



Winter sports enthusiasts can avail themselves of a couple of opportunities for outdoor fun on the weekend of Feb. 14 and 15. The Mexico Lions Club is sponsoring the annual Larry Mercer Memorial Ice Fish-

ing Derby at Roxbury Pond on Feb. 14, rain date Feb. 15. The grand prize is \$2,000 for the lucky angler who catches the tagged fish. Other prizes are awarded for the Pickerel, Bass, Trout and Perch catches. Lunch will be available. The Roxbury Snowmobilers are sponsoring a ride to the wind towers on Feb. 15. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the ride scheduled for 10 a.m. Fee is \$10 with a reduced rate of \$8 for club members and early registration. This includes a lunch of hot dogs, chili and a drink.

The skating rink behind the Fire Station was in beautiful shape before the rain and since it was scheduled to freeze again on Monday evening, should be in good condition for skating. Thanks to Scott Farrington

for being the ice magician by maintaining the rink in this changeable weather. Remember the Recreation Committee is looking for members to organize events. If you're interested in providing this kind of fun for members of the community, contact the Town Office at 392-3302.

Since Marshall Meisner is not seeking re-election as Road Commissioner, several persons have taken out papers to fill this office and includes David Dolloff, Mark Farrington and Daryl Wells. The position of Selectman has also generated a lot of interest and currently there are four people vying for this position. To the best of my knowledge no one has still taken out papers for the one year position on our new school board.

I've had several inquiries about Olde Home Day 2015. Over the years, we have always advertised it as being the first Saturday in August. This year that happens to fall on Aug. 1, so the official dates will be July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. This is the 35th anniversary of Olde Home Day which began in 1980 following the successful 175th Anniversary Celebration of the incorporation of the Town in 1799. Not to toot my own horn, but I will since I was the original force behind making the event an annual one, this is good for every organization in Town who sponsors various activities including the Historical Society, the First Congregational Church, The Service Circle, the Library and others. It gives me a great deal of pleasure when people say how much Olde Home Day means to them. Marshall and Vickie Meisner and several others have kept it going for the last 25 years. This year I will endeavor to develop a new committee of the younger crowd to make sure Olde Home Day continues. To that end I will be calling a meeting of interested persons on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. So please think about lending your hands to this important town event. If you have ideas for events, please let me know.

As I write this my house is being sided and is now ready for the electrician, plumber and heat technician. Things are going great.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at

6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service; also Bloom for Girls ages 15 to 18 and Foundations for Guys 15 and up. The teens are still collecting bottles and cans for their trip to Florida. They wish to thank Elena Noyes for her donation of bottles and cans. They are almost halfway to the goal.

Weather permitting, Installation of Officers for Judith Grover tent #17 DUOCW will be held at the February meeting. There will be no January meeting.

Elsie Bonney, Dept. President of Maine Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, attended a meeting of tent #23 at Dover Foxcroft on Saturday, Jan. 10, to make a presentation to a member.

The Woodstock Historical Society met Saturday evening, Jan. 10, at the Town Office Conference Room.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will hold their next meeting at Ledgewood Living Center on Feb. 5.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Joan Morgan and Virginia Mason.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Fred Sawyer.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



The weather this past week had gone from extremely cold at below zero to above 30 degrees this past Sunday. On Sunday, the day began with some sun, then to snow, rain, a little sun and then by 2:30 p.m. it was raining again.

My brother, Steve McLain, attended the se-

lectmen's meeting last Wednesday evening. The selectmen meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Club luncheon last Wednesday at the Bethel Inn.

Happy Birthday wishes in January go out to the following: Stephen McLain, III on the 27th, Ben Chapman on the 29th, Joe McLain on the 30th and Carole Mason on the 30th. Ben is our grandson, Stephen and Joe are the sons of Steve and Lise McLain and Carole is the wife of Brad McLain.

Town Office

Remember to get your dog licensed before the end of January. Avoid the late fee. As always, the dog must have a current rabies shot.

Gilead Historical Society Just a little reminder that the Gilead Historical Society is a separate entity from the Town of Gilead. This information is offered up due to some recent confusion about this and it was suggested that a reminder should be in the column.

To put it plainly, the corner lot is owned by the Gilead Historical Society and not the Town of Gilead. As a matter of fact, the GHS property line is so close to the town office that when it rains, the water drips onto the GHS property.

The GHS is preserving the history of the Town of Gilead and the area, making the town attractive to residents and visitors, and trying to offer a community gathering once a year. That is basically the connection between the two.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Gilead selectmen's meeting minutes

(Note: In an attempt to provide more Gilead-related news, the Citizen will publish the town clerk's minutes of regular monthly meetings of the Board of Selectmen.)

The Board of Selectmen met on Jan. 14 at the Gilead Town Office. Those present were the three selectmen, Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; the Tax Collector/Administrative Assistant, Judy Perrille and the Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters/Treasurer, Linsley Chapman.

The first order of business was to review the warrants for the bills that needed to be paid from December and January. Warrant 12a listed the approved items that were paid throughout the month for payroll and state reports that, need to

be filed and paid in a timely manner. Warrant 12b listed the remaining bills that were due for December. Warrant 1 was the first warrant for 2015 and contained salary payments. All three warrants were reviewed and approved. Mr. Morin moved to accept and Mr. McLain seconded. All in favor.

Next the selectmen listened to questions from Matt Sweetser, the Transfer Attendant, presented to them by the Administrative Assistant. He wanted to know if the timer on the heater in the building could be set to come on earlier. The selectmen approved. There was also a discussion on covering some of the bins at the transfer station to keep the snow out and that was ta-

Locke's Mills

By Betsy Foster



This past week has seen -16 degree temperatures, freezing rain, and regular rain with +40 degree temps. It sounds like the January thaw. Mid-January usually brings a warm and rainy streak only to go back to the deep freeze one more time before moving on to the warmer and brighter days of February. And we now have about a half-hour more light than on the winter solstice. Liking that.

There were large areas of standing water between 3 and 12 inches deep on top of the pond ice earlier this week after the rain. The ice beneath took on a yellow-green appearance. This was the result of the angle of the sunlight, the crystalline structure of the ice, and the water color. We usually see this greenish cast only in January.

The Shadagee Ramblers will be a regular occurrence at Mt. Abram this winter. Every Thursday night they will be hosting open mic/pizza night at the main lodge starting at 6 p.m.

The squirrel relocation project in my yard went well for about two days. Both of those mornings, there was a gray squirrel caught in the Havahart trap. I relocated them about five miles away and thought my problem was almost solved since I only had three squirrels to start with. Wrong. When I returned home, there were five squirrels at the bird feeders. That was not what

bled. There are refrigerators that need to be inspected for Freon and removed.

The selectmen also listened to concerns and complaints from a resident regarding snow plowing and snow removal issues. The snow plowing/removal concerns related to where snow piles were being placed. The complaints related to how and why it was being done this way and several other issues pertaining to this problem such as what the complainant perceives as harassment.

The selectmen discussed a timeline for the town report for the annual town meeting. The budget and information for the report will be reviewed and finalized at the February selectmen's meeting. Judy and Lin will compile this information and begin working on the town report.

Next meeting will be Feb. 11 at the Town Office at 6 p.m. - Town Clerk Lin Chapman

(Ed. note: Disclosure - Snow plow complainant was Chapman.)

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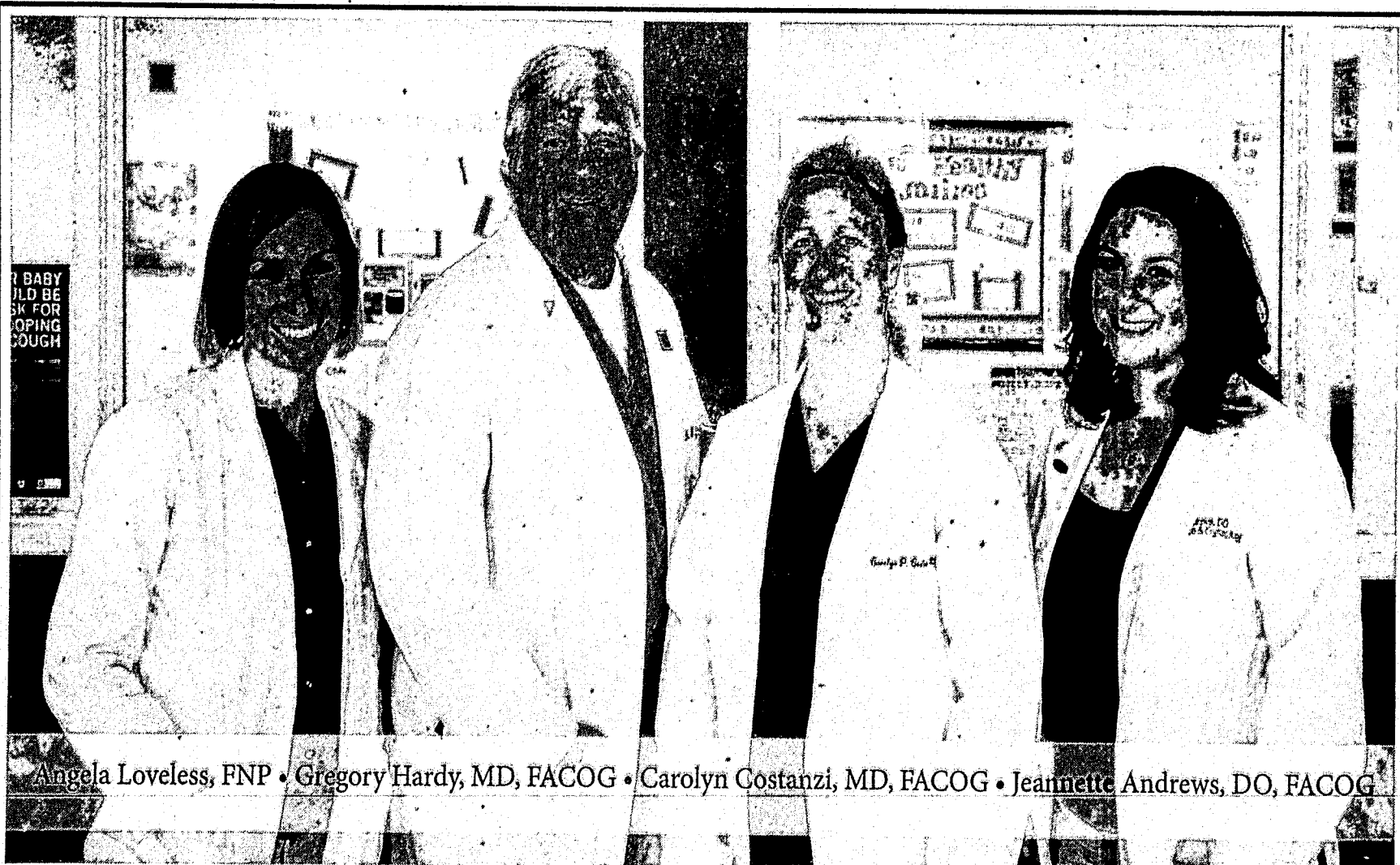
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I had planned.

Several years ago, my cousin decided it was time to reduce the numerous gray squirrels eating large amounts of bird seed at his home. He used the very tiny trap (also known as a .22) and dispatched 8 or 10 of them. Within a week, he had well over a dozen at his feeders. He gave up and let them eat.

I wonder if the initial squirrel army might be the dominant ones, and they keep the lesser ones away from their food source (aka my bird feeders). When we eliminate the dominant ones, that may open the food source to the squirrels farther down in the pecking order. Whatever the reason, the old saw about "kill one squirrel and 11 cousins come to the funeral" appears to be true around here. I give up. They can eat all they want.

A friend and I recently had a somewhat contentious discussion about Social Security. At 66, he seemed to think that he had already received more than he paid in. That would be hard to do when you consider the money we have each paid in to SS over the decades has been held at compound interest. Here's a quick example: Assuming a person starts working in her late teens, that is about a 45-year working life. Next add an average annual income of \$35,000 with the 6 percent annual SS deduction. That means an average of \$1,800 a year was paid into SS by the worker. At 5 percent interest per year compounded annually, that yields a total of \$300,000 in the worker's SS account around age 62. That is what she paid in held at compound interest of 5 percent. The government did not shell in any of that money. I don't know about you, but it will be quite a number of years before I collect \$300,000 in SS benefits. Gotta love that compound interest. That is where much of our earned SS comes from.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham
2:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15.
Condolences to the families of Virginia (Ginny) Mason and Joan Morgan. Our thoughts and prayers are with each family member on the loss of their loved ones. Well, it looks like we are

going to get some afternoon snow flurries. The temperature still isn't too good; it's only 30 degrees here right now.

Special thanks to all my friends who were concerned that they had not heard from me on my Facebook page. My original account was hacked and compromised, so I had to set up another account, we both are well.

I got to meet Debra Perry briefly as she was passing by me at the hospital this morning. Thank you Debra for speaking to us as we passed by. It was a great pleasure to meet you.

I finally got my niece Dorri's scarf and matching headband done and I will be catching up with her in a few days to get it to her to enjoy for the rest of the winter.

I called my dear friend, Benny Benedetto today to wish him a happy birthday (he turned 96 years young today). He played the bass for the band for six and a half years retiring two years ago May. I do miss him and his big band sounds/music.

I am so counting the days till spring; hubby is crossing off the days and getting more excited about the NASCAR races and the Daytona race in February.

Due to an electrical problem at the hospital today I was not able to have my surgery. I did reschedule another date in February. Sending get well wishes to those who are having medical problems; our thoughts and prayers for each of you.

An extra special thank you to my son Craig and his fiancé April for the lovely flower basket they sent me today. It truly made my day and the nurses all loved it and commented on how beautiful it was.

That's all from the valley this week. Enjoy your weekend.

Newry

By Doug Webster
The much anticipated Newry Withdrawal Agreement proposal was released last week. It sure is nice to see some fresh and new ideas about funding and allocation of funds. It is too bad that Newry has to go through a withdrawal process to force the School Board to negotiate. And now that the School Board doesn't want to form a funding formula negotiating committee, it

seems that it really was the only way to get anybody to discuss any funding changes at all. I hope the Board can negotiate in good faith; they unanimously voted that they would actively be fighting against withdrawal. I hope they will keep an open mind and look at ways to make a positive change to a system that seems to me to be disconnected from the taxpayers who support it.

I have heard that there is possible legislation being proposed at the state level that could be a game-changer for the district.

Just a reminder to everybody in the district: SAD 44 is truly an outlier in the state school funding process. Except for one other district, everybody in the state pays a rate based mostly on how many kids the town sends to the district. So the content of the agreement is not a bunch of radical ideas and formulas concocted by a bunch of madmen. It is basically setting up the funding to more closely reflect how the rest of the state pays, with an additional bonus of extra funds potentially being offered to the district each year.

The Select Board is focusing on the budget right now. The biggest item seems to be how to approach repairs and repaving the outer Sunday River Road. I have heard a few different options discussed, but I don't believe there is anything written for the warrant. I asked about the sand/salt shed proposed last year, and that seems to be off the table for now.

There was a nice service and celebration of Dick Clark's life on Saturday, Jan. 17. The reception was at the Bear River Grange Hall and the service was at the Chandler Funeral Home in Bethel. He will surely be missed. Again, condolences and love to his family.

Congratulations go out to Caleb, son of Brooks Morton. He achieved a 4.0 GPA last term at SMCC. Way to go, Caleb!

As always, be sure to share your news with me, especially if you do not like mine, dwebster@megalink.net.

Upton

By Joe Bernier
The rain and warm temperature Sunday was not kind to the local snowmobile trails.

Cooler weather is in the forecast for the remainder of the week which will harden the trails but they need snow.

One day last week, the weatherman mentioned that it was middle of the meteorological winter. I'm not sure what that means. It certainly is not the same as calendar winter. The old farmers saying went something like this; half of your wood and half your hay should still remain on Groundhog's Day.

Keep Dancing. We need snow!

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Wow, what a roller coaster ride, one day it snows, then it rains and there is an ice storm, today

it was sunny and warmer, but it is still damp enough to give me pain. I guess I'll have to wait until spring before it eases up.

Good news, congratulations to Amy Robertson and Ethan Henley on their wedding, Jan. 10 at the Newry Grange. They will reside at Amy's. She inherited the old Robinson farm from her grandfather. Ethan is the son of Barbara and Randy Henley of Waterford.

Mountain Poets did not meet this month, but most of us traveled to Westbrook where Mark Sweldon was the lead poet reading. It was a great evening. Mark was great; he had memorized all the poems he read.

Sunday, Jan. 25, the Alan Day Community Garden will kick off their 2015 season with a community meeting and an organic bulk seed order. This will occur from 1 to 3 p.m. at Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway. Healthy Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Seeds will be delivered at a later date at CEBE in Fare Share Commons. Payment for seeds is appreciated on ordering. FMI please call Alan Day Gardens at 743-2423.

Next week, on Monday, Feb. 2, Socrates' Café will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 at Waterford Library. The topic will be: Does climate change change everything? Moderator will be Bart Hague. Light refreshments will be served. FMI please call 583-6957.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and watch out for icy roadways.

WMSC Brown Bag Lunch

The Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC), serving primarily the over-50 population, continues its efforts to reach out to a wider community with its second Brown Bag Lunch program of the year. This discussion, spinning off from our October discussion on "Community Resilience," will address climate change. The session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12:15 to 1:30 at the Moses Mason House on Broad Street, Bethel; the public is invited, free of charge. Ken Hotopp, local conservation biologist and climate activist, will help us discuss ways to address this global challenge at the local level.

The Brown Bag Lunch provides an informal forum for participants to enjoy their lunch while exploring interesting ideas together. Our facilitator on Jan. 28 says that "Given the pressing nature of climate disruption, we will discuss collective action to make a positive difference on public policy in our towns, state, and country." He suggests the following questions to consider: As citizens, what do we know about collective action? What do we know about climate disruption? Given the scale of our challenge, what should be the highest-priority actions locally? At the state and national levels? What are we waiting for?"

If you wish to do some reading ahead of time, Ken suggests: People's Climate March this fall: <http://peoplesclimate.org/wrap-up/>.

Fossil fuel divestment movement: <http://gofossilfree.org/>. Polls on climate change attitudes: <http://www.usclimatenetwork.org/hot-topics/climate-polling>.

We need to set up adequate chairs in the facility so we'd like your RSVP. By Jan. 23, please contact Nancy Davis if you plan to attend: nancydavis@megalink.net; 381-1110. And don't forget to bring a bag lunch!

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Prime Time Ski Club news



TMS Girls' Basketball

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

With Laid Back Installers off for the week (6-0) and Ranor Mechanical (5-1) winning in a run away, The Matterhorn, Archie's and Bethel are all tied for 3rd place at 3-3. Jay (1-5) has been ineffective all year and Neptune (0-6) hasn't even showed up. The Matterhorn disposed of frustrated Jay team, 91-71. Kindle Bonsall led the winners with 25 points, followed by Glen Dubois with 17 and Matt Newell with 16. Zeth Reilly led Jay with 20 points (5 threes) and he was assisted by Nick Weeks with 19 and Dave St. Germain with 11. Bethel then toyed with Neptune and cruised to an 82-61 victory. Ryan Savage was the top man again with 25 points, followed by Ryan and Kevin Bean with 14. Terry Collins made an appearance and chipped in with 10 points. Neptune had no players in double figures. Ranor then absolutely destroyed Archie's, 116-54. Five players paced the victors with Steve Lambert (35 points) high man, while Scot New followed with 25 (5 threes), Nate Carson 20 points (6 threes), Kevin Gallant 19 points (5 threes) and Shawn Spadea 17 points, rounded out the scoring. Archie's Cody St Germain was lead man with 22 points while Brett Archibault helped with 15. With the second round of games on tap, Neptune draws a bye, The Matterhorn is hosted by Bethel at 10 a.m., then Ranor plays Jay at 11:30 and lastly LBI takes on Archie's at 1 p.m.

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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Happy New Year! The wind chill may be too cold for outdoor recess, but MKA is actually meeting to plan "Summer Adventure 2015!" We are gathering great ideas for themes and field trips and would love any ideas. We met with the kids and they love everything!

We have a good number of new enrichments starting in the schools after vacation. We have yoga, sewing, karate, theater, cross-country skiing, and a introduction to LEGO's starting this week.

At TMS/THS we are doing in each site a cooking program and we are looking into the possibility of doing a babysitting course in the Middle School.

The SAT Prep Class at THS is well attended and thanks to Project Opportunity for helping the students with the cost of that class.

Save the Date: MKA will be having a Bike Rodeo in conjunction with the CPS/PTA May Fair on Saturday, May 9th at CPS. More information to come but we are excited to collaborate with several organizations to bring a Bike Rodeo to Bethel this spring.

I am also happy to announce that Allie Burke has joined our Board of Directors. Allie brings her experience in several non-profit organizations to MKA. We are always looking for new Board members so if you have an interest in the direction of MKA, please give me a call at 824-7007. Stay warm!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Everyone is excited to be back at MKA after the holidays!



Selina, Georgia, Payton, and Charles having fun playing with their slime during Wacky Weird Science.



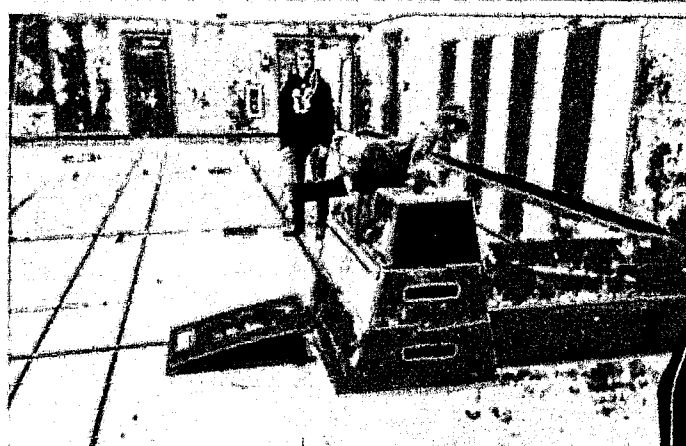
Selina and Georgia making slime during Wacky Weird Science.



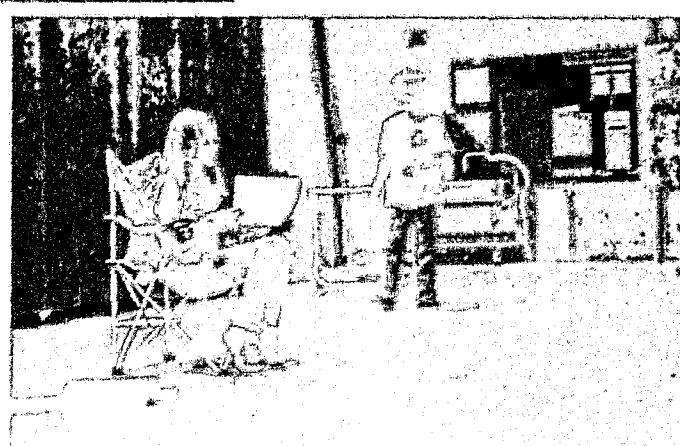
Charles testing out his slime.



Carl Constanzi from 5210 Maine recently met with the MKA staff and presented each site with a Certification of Recognition as a 2013-2014 Let's Go! SILVER Site of Distinction. The recognition is awarded on MKA's commitment both in policy and programming to healthy eating and active living at each of their program sites. L to R: Veronica Penley (WES), Kayla LeVeille (THS), Lorie White (TMS), Sonia Albin (CPS), and Julie Hart, Director.



Ryder Bailey practicing his gymnastics skills as staff member Kayla Merrill looks on.



Students practicing a skit during the Theater enrichment.



Addie, Blake, Bella, Reid, Odessa, and Corinne enjoying a skit during Theater.



Bernadette and Brooke having fun during theater.



Romeo checking out his slime.

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The Day my Father Became a Beaver

The morning my father died I dreamed that he had become a beaver. After the call came and the shock wore off (he had just been operated on apparently successfully and was in his fourth day of recovery in the hospital). The dream wouldn't let go of me. I kept contemplating its meaning during the following weeks while his maternal family and I planned a memorial service and his ashes were delivered to me.

Certainly transformation of form was a central idea expressed by the dream. Some theories in quantum physics suggest that the stuff we are made from is composed of energy and information. In this way of thinking although appearing solid, on both a microscopic and macroscopic level we are composed of the element of air, an invisible sea of particles, some from ancient stars. During our lives we are able to maintain our individual forms/shape because patterns are intrinsic not only to humans but to the universe as a whole, from spiral galaxies to the smallest particles. These patterns act as a kind of glue holding us (and every living creature/tree) together during our lifetime. But what happens at death? When the soul/spirit leaves its body, is it possible that energy and information recombine into new patterns that are self-similar or perhaps very different if circumstances warrant? Erich Jantsch in "Self Organized Universe" states that the whole universe is alive. If nature also has a memory as biologist Rupert Sheldrake theorizes then it would make sense that at the time of death, or shortly thereafter, the life force would leave the body and be pulled into a new pattern, one that is composed of elements that might be similar to those (patterns) that came before; perhaps that of a relative or ancestor, or should the family fields be too chaotic/unstable, maybe the energy/information might be pulled towards an animal, or even a plant with similar characteristics. (Recall that we share DNA with all living things so this idea is not as far fetched as it sounds). And perhaps this recombining at the speed of light or faster, as in non-local transmissions, could explain why we humans are drawn towards a white light in near death experiences? At the very least I thought these were intriguing ideas.

During the first few days after my father's death I mused over the uncanny similarities between my father and beavers; my father was an aeronautical engineer and beavers engineered the shifting of wetlands building dams to interrupt the flow of water and creating ponds in their wake. Both were excellent swimmers. Both my father and the beavers were tireless workers often appearing driven to extremes by others. Both worked with wood and were excellent builders exhibiting patience, determination and a willingness to stay focused. Both were family oriented, although my father was absent most of my childhood because he worked such long hours. It seemed to me that it was no coincidence that my fa-

ther and beavers had so much in common...

Curiously, during the previous summer I had fallen in love with the beavers that had erected a mighty dam and constructed a lodge in the middle of the stream that ran below my house. At first the beavers wouldn't tolerate my presence at all. Slapping their flat scaly tails loudly, ruffling the water, they would dive, only to pop up in a different location a few minutes later to stare at me with beady little eyes shining suspiciously. I was hooked! I read everything I could about these largest of rodents with orange incisors that act as chisels to fell trees (These teeth will outgrow the beavers if not used daily). I persisted in my quest to befriend the beavers by taking a small pine bench that my father had made (and my bug net) down to the water's edge to sit on while I observed them in the mornings, and during the long evening twilight hours. My patience paid off. Soon one or more beaver heads would pop up out of the water, peer at me, and then swim up the narrow watery channels they had made to gnaw around another tree trunk, cut some into sections, or to gather branches. At first I thought there were only two beavers, but one evening late in June a third head appeared and a few days later there were four. I had learned by then that beaver lodges could support three generations of beavers so I assumed these two were adolescents. When the sleek chestnut heads of two kits appeared early one mid-summer evening, swimming behind one of the adults, I knew that the Beaver people had finally accepted me...

Beavers can weigh sixty to seventy pounds; adults are three to four feet long. Their ancestor the 'great beaver' that lived during the last ice age was a giant weighing two hundred pounds! Beavers are at home in the water; their tails are used for steering while swimming and brace them on land as they gnaw down trees - alders, poplars, aspens, birch, and the occasional maple, a process I never tired of watching. On land the beavers moved awkwardly; I thought they waddled as they dragged their cache down to an open channel. Their back feet are webbed and used like paddles. They transport sticks/branches in their mouths. Their dexterous front paws complete with claws help them work with mud, stones and sticks, the raw materials needed to build their dams, lodges or bank dens.

Beavers' eyes are covered by a special membrane that allows them to see under water. Their nostrils and ears are sealed while the animals stay submerged for up to 15 minutes. A thick layer of fat under the double coat of fur keeps them warm during the winter. Beavers also have scent glands, which the beaver uses to waterproof its fur. Before near extinction by trapping in North America beaver lived from the arctic tundra to the deserts of northern Mexico, inhabiting all 48 states.

Beavers are incredibly hard workers and with good rea-

son. In some northern areas during the brief ice-free time they must do everything possible to ensure winter survival - the lodge or den must be in good repair, the dam secure and the food that they need for up to eight months must be cut, moved and stored in huge piles. Beavers are strict vegetarians; their food includes bark, cambium, twigs and buds. They also like cattails and water lilies.

When building a lodge in a pond the beavers pile up many sticks securing the first layer in the mud and then eat their way up through the sticks creating one or more underwater entrances and multi platforms above the water surface. The first is used for drying off. The other rooms are living space. As winter approaches the lodge is also plastered with mud from the bottom of the pond. When the mud freezes it has the consistency of concrete. By early fall a pile of sticks appeared above water near the lodge indicating the size of the beavers' winter food supply. A small breathing hole is left in the top of each lodge but I couldn't see it. The purpose of the dam is to create a deep-water refuge enabling the beaver to escape its predators. Wolves, wolverines, coyotes and others are natural enemies. Humans trap/hunt beaver for a number of reasons often decimating entire populations at will.

During the long winter beavers stay warm and regain the weight lost during the summer eating at leisure from their underwater stockpile of tasty branches. They mate in January or February and before the mother gives birth in the spring she sends her mate to another room! The kits are born in May or June and litters vary from two to four with the kits born fully furred, with sharp teeth and good eyesight; all are able to swim, though for the first month they remain in the den. If all goes well a beaver may live to be twelve years old.

The beaver is a keystone species increasing bio-diversity in its territory through creation of beaver ponds and wetlands. As wetlands are formed and riparian habitats enlarged, aquatic plants colonize newly available watery habitat. Insect, invertebrate, fish, mammal and bird diversity are also expanded.

In Native American mythology beavers are the water people. A person with beaver medicine has a powerful ally in intuition and often dreams the future of the People. The Cree tell a tale about the 'great beaver' that built his dam so high that it flooded the world.

"In my father's house are many mansions" I read reflecting on my father's life and his possible transformation from man to beaver, and thought about the family of beavers snug and warm in their house under the ice down the hill. It occurred to me that they might appreciate a fresh poplar for a treat on this night of the Beaver Moon, so I cut one down after using a crow bar to open a hole in the ice and gently pushed the sapling into the water. The next morning I was delighted to see that the entire tree was gone!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Felted Art Exhibit; The Norway Memorial Library invites the public to view a felted art exhibit by Marty Elkin of A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm through February 2015 during the library's open hours. Elkin's felted art is inspired by her work on the farm, nature, and animals. All the wool used in the art work is from the farm's sheep and Elkin dyes the wool herself. For more information please visit the library's web site www.norway.lib.me.us or call at 743-5309 ext. 1.

"Civil War Stories" Book Discussion; A book discussion on "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library Feb. 4 and March 4 at 7 p.m., led by Doug Rawlings, representing the Maine Historical Society and The Maine Humanities Council. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The discussion is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a joint effort by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association.

Thursday, Jan. 22

SCORE Roundtable; 8 to 9 a.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. "Managing Employees - Best Practices" will be presented by Erika Douglass, Director of HR at Maine Machine Products Co. and Hoppe Technologies. Coffee will be available at 7:45. FMI/Registration: Gerry Nelson (743-0499 or Gerry.nelson@scorevolunteer.org) or <http://contact.1An6IZ5>.

The Biology of Music; 4 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. A lecture/performance by the DaPonte String Quartet. The quartet will explain and perform works by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Brahms. Free and open to the public; reception following the performance. Co-sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College and the Mahoosuc Arts Assn. FMI: Jim Bebo (824-4545).

Fourth Thursday Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Bring a friend, bring a poem to share. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments. FMI: 364-3661.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Friday, Jan. 23

Après Ski Music with Jim Tasse; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Hope Assn. Winter Dance; 6 to 8 p.m., 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Featuring Joe "The Music Man" Sirois. Open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations to benefit the Hope Association welcome.

New West Guitar Group; 7:30 p.m., Medallion Opera House, 20 Park Street Gorham, N.H. Tickets: \$12. FMI: www.medallionoperahouse.org.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Cooking Presentation; 12:30 p.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Albert Judd offers a presentation on preparing eggplant and tomato frittata.

Live Music with Ralph Arsenault; 2 to 5 p.m. Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A multi-talented musician, Ralph never disappoints an audience with his solo acoustic performances. FMI: <http://www.ralpharsenault.com/>.

Public Supper, Stuffed Pork Roast; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults/\$8, Kids/\$4.

Live Music with Skosh; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. Influenced by the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pink Floyd, Grateful Dead, J Geils, & Phish, this 5 piece rock, funk, Ska band is sure to rock your ski socks off!

Cause for Laughter; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6), Mt. Abram. 50/50, live auction and comedy show by Kate Carroll and Mark Turcotte. Tickets are available at Mt. Abram's Loose Boots Lounge and Rooster's Roadhouse for \$20 and include a \$10 voucher toward a 2015 lift ticket at Mt. Abram. This is a 21+ event. FMI: Kate Carroll (595-2841).

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Sunday, Jan. 25

"That all Souls..." Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Joan Beal will lead a service on justice and the UU guiding principle of living so that "all souls may grow into harmony with the divine."

Alan Day Garden Meeting/Seed Order; 1 to 3 p.m., the Commons, Main Street, Norway. Everyone is welcome to participate in this Bulk Seed Order, which offers outstanding prices and a wide variety of organic, open-pollinated seeds. Order forms will be available at the meeting and pre-payment is appreciated. Seeds will be delivered and repackaged for pickup at the Seed Swap and Seed Saving workshop co-hosted by the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) in the Fare Share Commons (date and time to be determined).

Summer McKane's "In the Blood" Film Presentation; 2 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$10/adults (18+), \$5/students. FMI/Tickets: www.fryeburgacademy.org/tickets or 935-9232.

Monday, Jan. 26

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Bethel Selectmen's Meeting; 7 p.m., Bethel Town Office.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., the Moses Mason House. In this session we'll talk with conservation biologist and climate activist Ken Hotopp about ways to address the global challenge of climate change at the local level. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. Free and open to the public. Snow date: Jan. 29. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (381-1110 or nancydavis@megalink.net).

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Felting Class; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Bethany and Stella Shaw will present a felting class - an excellent learning experience for adults and children.

Retirement Party/Gathering for Rev. Jane C. Rich; 1 p.m., First Congregational Church. Join Rev. Rich for appetizers and desserts to commemorate her 23 years of service.

Julie and Brownie Diversity Concert; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. This show provides a musical look at diversity and acceptance of others. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: www.stkieranarts.org.

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/rise to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Chad Porter begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

Live Music with the Jim Gallant Band; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A talented guitarist, whose repertoire ranges from classical guitar to blues, jazz and country, Jim is sure to delight a crowd. Jim has been featured on WCSH 6's 207 and has performed throughout New England.

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Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Does climate change everything? Moderator: Bart Hague. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6857.

Thursday, Feb. 5

To Your Health Program on Valvular Heart Disease; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Dr. Daniel E. vanBuren, Board Certified Cardiologist,

returns during American Heart Month to discuss this condition which involves one or more valves of the heart and typically affects people after the age of 50. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments. FMI contact R. Tiff at 824-2053.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Raising Spinach in Winter; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Peter Coleman.

White Grass Festival; Mt. Abram. An absolute can't miss. The only live bluegrass festival on snow in Maine. Live bluegrass bands all day. Main lodge: Grassholes 12 to 2 p.m.; Jerks of Grass 3 to 5 p.m.; Milltown Roadshow 6 to 8 p.m. Westside lodge: Jerks of Grass 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Woodstock Bicentennial Kickoff; 1 to 3 p.m., Woodstock Fire Station. Come join your neighbors in recreating the first town meeting for Woodstock that took place 200 years ago! Plans for the larger June 20 celebration will also be discussed.

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Wednesday, Feb. 11

Facebook, Instagram Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort. Community Concepts Finance Corp. is offering a workshop entitled "Content Marketing 101: Using Facebook and Instagram to Tell Your Story." \$25 for members of Oxford County chambers of commerce and business associations, \$30 for nonprofits and businesses that are not chamber members. FMI/Registration: www.wmedc.org or Mia Purcell (739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org).

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Potluck; 11 a.m., Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. Please bring a dish to share and an item for the auction. Election of officers will be held. Dues (\$3) are due.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Larry Mercier Memorial Ice Fishing Derby; Roxbury Pond. Rain date, Feb. 15. The grand prize is \$2,000 for the lucky angler who catches the tagged fish. Other prizes are awarded for the Pickerel, Bass, Trout and Perch catches. Lunch will be available.

Healing Naturally with Herbs, Spices and Foods; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Suzanne Dunham.

8th Annual Chairlift Speed Dating Event; 2 to 4 p.m. (registration starts at 12:30), Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Participation is free, but participants are required to have a lift ticket or season's pass in order to ride the lift (full day lift tickets are \$55, half day lift tickets are \$38). FMI: www.black-mt.com or 603-383-4490.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Roxbury Snowmobilers Wind Tower Ride; 8 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. ride. Fee: \$10 (\$8 for club members and early registration), includes a lunch of hot dogs, chili and a drink.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Running a Sustainable Dairy; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street Norway. Presented by Heidi Durgin.

Monday, Feb. 23

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

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Regular meetings and events

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.
SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
 Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
 Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.
Bethel
 First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
 Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
 Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.
 First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.
 Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.
 Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
 Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
 Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.
Greenwood
 Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.
Woodstock
 Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.
Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron
 Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Support services

SAFE Voices
 Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH
 Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help
 Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness
 Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries
Clothing Exchange
 Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

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trance on Park Street.

Help for the Homeless
 Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness
 Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services
 Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services
 Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support
 An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support
 Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

Library hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m.
 Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items: Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136. or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26), Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), locat-

ed on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/ ONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Leiven. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Far-num, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m..

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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XIZ JT NBUI TVDI IBSE XPSL?

CFDBVTF PG BMM UIPTF OVNFSBMT

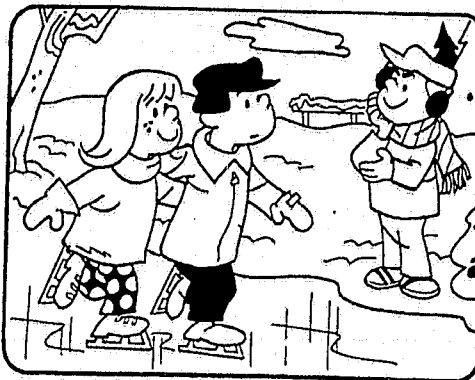
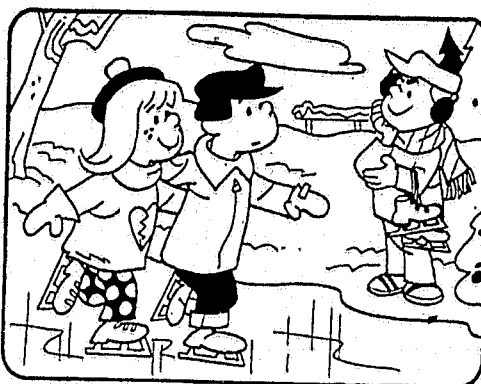
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For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Hat is missing. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Cloud is smaller. 4. Cuffs on pants are missing. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Skates are missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals T

VCZR UAGKDINKIR WQGQOQAI

VZRYCKO SAD OTMQIU

ZYRQGQRQKO? RCK WKTZDRNKIR

AS RCK RDKZYCKDM.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

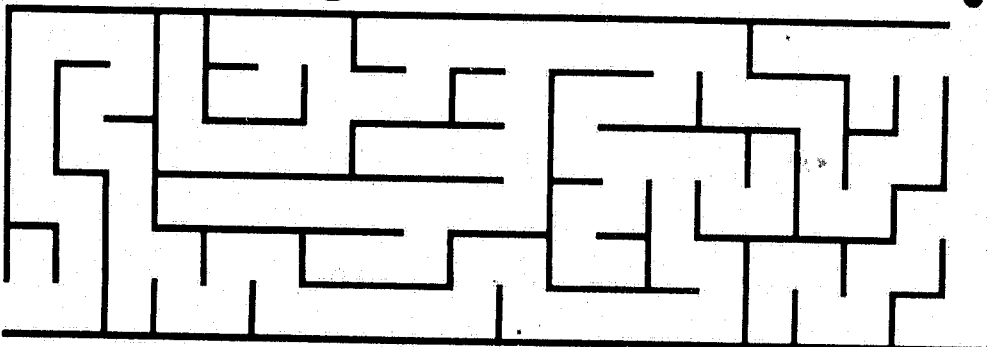
Title
CAMIL
Deluge
PEATS
Shake
MORTER
Joy
DIPER

TODAY'S WORD



"I won't be long - I'm only going in for an..."

Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

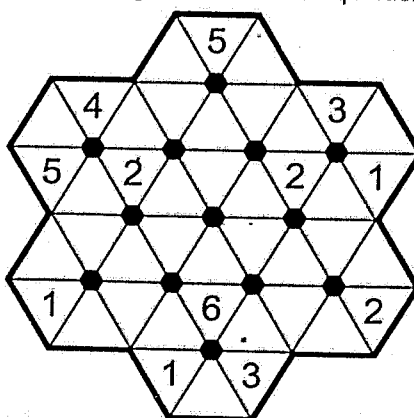
SNAKE HANDLING

- ACROSS:
- 1 Appear on the scene
 - 7 Mystery writer
 - 13 Sister of Snow White
 - 20 Canadian dollar coin
 - 21 As well
 - 22 Retired female prof
 - 23 Mischievous snake?
 - 25 Capitol Hill bigwig
 - 26 Bicycle part
 - 27 Like Saturn
 - 28 Ink-filled tool
 - 29 Blend
 - 30 One of the Musketeers
 - 32 Graceful bird
 - 34 Touchy (overly emotional)
 - 35 Greets with a head bob
 - 37 What there is when a snake is inside a keg?
 - 42 Sioux tribe member
 - 43 Beattle bride
 - 45 Yoko
 - 46 Golfer Palmer
 - 47 Vienna is its cap.
 - 47 Study of snake vision?
 - 50 Bottom line
 - 52 HP or Dell products
 - 55 Confused
 - 56 Noble act
 - 57 St. Louis Arch
 - 58 Canoe variety
 - 60 Skeletal axis
 - 62 Snake with a talk show?
 - 65 1980s TV's "Remington"
 - 68 "Crash" actor
 - 69 Peaceful
 - 70 Snake's relatives?
 - 73 Arcade game
 - 75 TV prizes
 - 76 See 81-
 - 77 Union foe
 - 78 Billfold filler
 - 82 Org. fining
 - 83 1:50, e.g.
 - 85 Noodles shaped like knotted snakes?
 - 88 Emerald, e.g.
 - 89 Symbol of a team
 - 91 Camera type, for short
 - 92 Frying vessel
 - 93 Thing that hones a snake's skills?
 - 98 Part of TLC
 - 100 Gather up
 - 101 Treater's phrase
 - 102 Sobbing soul
 - 104 Sour
 - 105 Tilt-for-
 - 106 "Pretty nice!"
 - 110 Now being broadcast
 - 113 Living an isolated life
 - 115 Snake's balderdash?
 - 117 Aromatic
 - 118 Gazed
 - 119 "down the hatch!"
 - 120 "No, No, No" (old musical)
 - 121 Mistake list
 - 122 Broom room
 - DOWN:
 - 1 unto itself
 - 2 Hashanah
 - 3 Boxing tactic used by Ali
 - 4 Derives from logic
 - 5 Rule breaker, e.g.
 - 6 Always, to poets
 - 7 On the line
 - 8 Hired hood
 - 9 Snug as
 - 10 "It Had - You"
 - 11 Sticks with, as a belief
 - 12 Nibbled away
 - 13 Transmit again
 - 14 Boding sign
 - 15 Sun Yat-
 - 16 Pencil tops
 - 17 John of "Three's Company"
 - 18 Star, to Pierre
 - 19 Baseballer
 - 24 Prefix with cycle
 - 28 Infamous box opener
 - 31 Lyric poems sung by single voices
 - 33 Newswoman
 - 34 "As I Lay Dying" novelist
 - 35 Star burst
 - 36 Big elevator producer
 - 38 Incursion
 - 39 Curve part
 - 40 Connections
 - 41 Lamb's call
 - 44 Frank
 - 48 Pass gingerly
 - 49 Golf ball supporter
 - 51 Pull along
 - 52 Funeral pile
 - 53 French city on the Orne
 - 54 - terrier (dog breed)
 - 57 Internet auction site
 - 59 Ghana's land
 - 61 Wall
 - 62 Film snippet
 - 63 Petroleum
 - 64 Actress Seyfried
 - 65 "Peter Pan" pirate
 - 66 Pack down lightly
 - 67 Actress Stone
 - 68 Where some very big birds are raised
 - 71 Goldfish part
 - 72 Superhero insect
 - 73 Put-on
 - 74 Mai- (rum drinks)
 - 77 Surlit
 - 79 Hopefuls
 - 80 Jazzman
 - 81 With 76-
 - 84 Across, quit, informally
 - 85 Pre-A.D. abbr.
 - 86 Suffix with ball or bass
 - 87 Suggestion
 - 88 Body signal
 - 90 Unthrifty type
 - 93 Melo (out)
 - 94 Actress Seyfried
 - 95 30-year late-night host
 - 96 Raspy
 - 97 Kigali's land
 - 99 Rome's Via
 - 103 Tokyo, once
 - 105 Tightly strung
 - 107 Polish river
 - 108 Prefix with byte
 - 109 Boone of baseball
 - 111 "Gotcha"
 - 112 Pay to live in
 - 114 Filming locale
 - 115 Pal of Tarzan
 - 116 "Go On" network

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



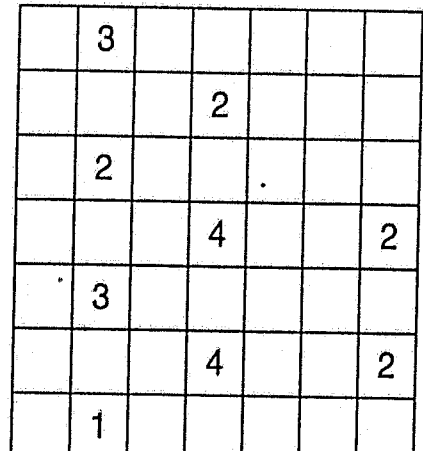
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★
★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ Y

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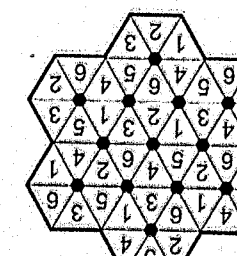


Kids' Maze Solution

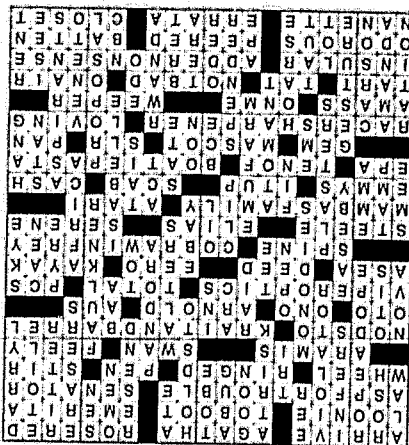
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The department of the treasury.
What's for spying activities?
answer
CryptQuip

ESTIMATE
Today's Word
3. Tremor 4. Pride
solution
SCRAMBLERS
1. Claim 2. Spate

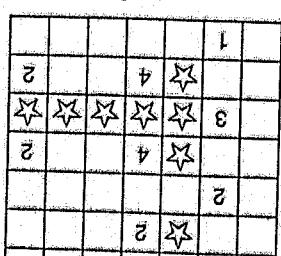
Puzzles4Kids
Answer
Why is math such hard work?
Because of all those numbers.
You have to carry.



SNOWFLAKES
solution



Super Crossword



Star★Map
solution

ANSWERS:

Bethel Maine Moose Fest set for June 12-14

Each year, over 60,000 sportsmen and women from around the state and the country enter a drawing to fulfill a dream; to hunt a Maine moose. The odds are long, with 3,000 to 4,000 people ultimately winning a permit annually. Many wait years before their names are chosen – and on June 12-14, 2015, thousands of hopeful hunters and their families will travel to Bethel in person to see if, this year, they will finally get their chance.

To welcome the crowd, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and

the UMaine 4-H Camp & Learning Center in Bryant Pond are organizing the Bethel Maine Moose Festival, presented by Cabela's – three days of festivities in celebration of wildlife and the outdoor sporting lifestyle.

A fourth regional qualifying round for the Maine Moose Calling Championship will start off the event at The Bethel Inn Resort on Friday, June 12. Maine's nationally touring alt-country rock band, The Mallett Brothers, will also perform Friday evening.

The moose hunting permit lottery will anchor

the event on Bethel's town common on Saturday, June 13. The day will also feature the finals of the Moose Calling Championship, kids' activities, hunting and fishing demonstrations, a raffle, and vendors including guides, outdoor products, non-profits, crafts, and food.

Youth Field Day at the UMaine 4-H Camp & Learning Center in Bryant Pond and a golf tournament at The Bethel Inn Resort to benefit camp scholarships round out activities on Sunday, June 14. "This year's moose lottery and festi-

val in Bethel will showcase all of the great local opportunities for sportsmen and women. The fact that a portion of the proceeds will help give young people an opportunity to come to camp is an added bonus," said Scott Olsen, from Bryant Pond 4-H Camp.

In addition to Cabela's, Bethel Bait Tackle & More, L.L. Bean, Townsquare Media, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Baxter Brewing Co., Bangor Daily News, and Orion Outfitters & Guide Service have signed on as sponsors of the event. The Maine Office of

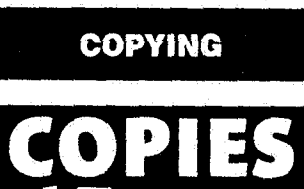
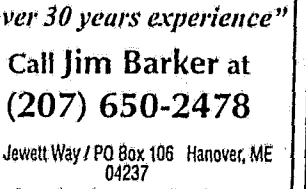
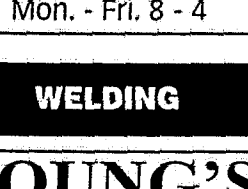
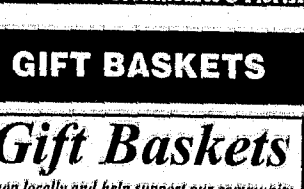
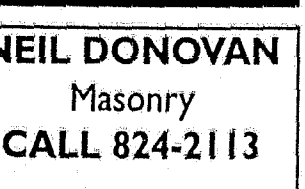
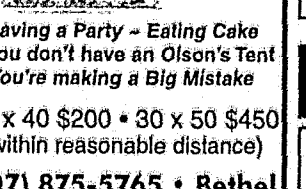
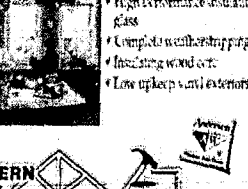
Tourism also awarded the event a marketing grant. "Cabela's has been involved in Maine moose lottery events all over the state for several years," said Greg Sirpis, Cabela's marketing director. "We think the crowd will be excited about the schedule of events and believe that Bethel will host the best events surrounding a moose lottery yet."

To get in the Moose Festival spirit, local businesses are encouraged to paint their own moose silhouettes, which will be available to purchase from Bethel Bait Tack-

le & More. The chamber will organize a self-guided tour of the moose art to encourage visitors to patronize each business.

Other ways to get involved in the Moose Festival include becoming a vendor, advertising in the official program, volunteering, or creating a special activity in conjunction with the event. For information, contact the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at info@bethelmaine.com, (207) 824-2282, or visit www.bethelmainemoosefest.com and www.facebook.com/BethelMaineMooseFest.

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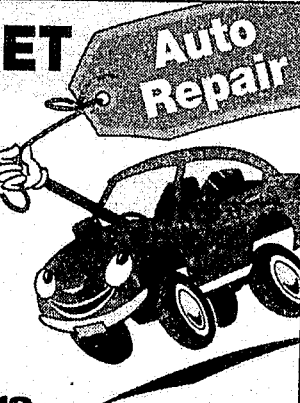
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WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendant, his successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

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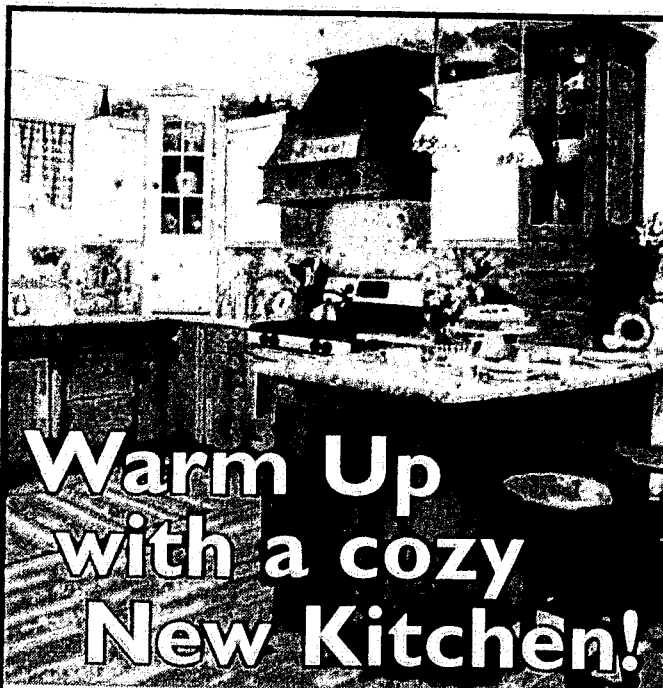
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ZYLPHA GIBBS

Dribbling a basketball down the court or cartwheeling and cavorting about, Zylpha Eloise (Morgan) Gibbs earned her lifelong nickname Zip early on! Her endless energy continued throughout her life as she grew up, married, raised five girls and enjoyed her time with her beloved grandchildren. Zylpha died peacefully in Norway at the age of 89.

Zylpha was born on Aug. 29, 1925 in Bryant Pond, Maine to Willie and Tena (Cole) Morgan. After graduation, Zylpha moved to New Hampshire with her parents, brother LeRoy and sister Wynona where they were employed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard during WWII. She married Thomas Linsbeck and moved to Virginia, where she worked as a hostess in a swank D.C. restaurant and met stars such as Milton Berle ("a real nice man") and Gene Autry ("full of himself"). Zip moved back to Maine and married George Norton Emmons Jr. in Bryant Pond, where they raised their family in an old farmhouse. Norton and Zylpha, together with her parents, ran a business making and selling bird houses and feeders. She was also employed at Stowell's Silk and Spool Company in Bryant Pond. In later life, Zylpha happily married George Gibbs (predeceased), her loving companion in her golden years. She is survived by her children, Joan and David Bartlett, Susan Rainey, Joy and Floyd Sumner, Pamela and Joseph Hebert, and Tena Linsbeck-Perron and Bruce Perron. Zylpha was lovingly known as Nanie, Grammie and Grams by her many grandchildren Derek Vail, Chelsey Baez, Jeff Rainey, Corey

Sumner, April Harris, Angela Haines, Sarah Lane, Timothy Hebert, Amy Hebert, Jeremy Perron, Mia Foley Perron and Julian Brown. On top of all that, Zip adored her 24 great-grandchildren as well! Zylpha shared a special bond with her granddaughter Amy, who was her "roomie" for many years! She was predeceased by her grandsons, Douglas Vail and Michael Rainey.

Zylpha was an avid reader and her prowess as a gardener was well known in her family. She was the go-to person in all things horticultural! She enjoyed puzzles and cards. Her home-made cinnamon rolls, yeast bread and Finnish "nissua" were family favorites. She was a member of the congregation at Locke's Mills Union Church and found solace in her faith. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday Jan. 21st 2015 at the Locke's Mills Union Church, with Pastor Sondra Withey officiating. A reception followed at the church vestry. Donations can be made to the Locke's Mills Union Church. The family would like to those who took care of Zylpha during her later years.



FREDERIC SAWYER

Frederic Ernest Sawyer, 69, of Woodstock died on Jan. 14, 2015 in Norway after many years of declining health. He was born March 6, 1945 in Augusta the son of Robert P. and Gladys S. Sawyer, Sr. He graduated from Cony High School in 1964. He married Sally J. Brooks on Feb. 14, 1969. He served his country in the Navy in Vietnam and also in the reserves. He worked as a truck driver, a machinist at Stowell Wood Product, and was self-employed until

he retired due to ill health. Frederic was a gun enthusiast and belonged to the Watford Fish and Game.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years; a daughter Angela Fletcher and her fiancé Kevin Felker of Winslow and daughter Bethany Varney and her husband David of Palmdale, Calif.; grandchildren Nicole and Garrett Fletcher, Nicole, Rosemary, Kloe, Kalle, Max and Lucy Varney; brother Robert Jr. and his wife Betty of Gouldsboro; sisters Margaret Macdonald and husband Robert of Bridgton, Judy Jenkin of Gold River, British Columbia, Canada, Mary Stevens, Joan Sawyer and Gail Ann Sawyer all of Augusta and many special nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Responsible Pet Care, 9 Swallow Road, South Paris, Maine 04281.



RICHARD CLARK, SR.

Richard P. Clark Sr., age 80 of Newry, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 at Rumford Community Hospital.

He was born in Concord, N.H. on July 9, 1934, a son of Ulysses and Edna (Forst) Clark. He attended Concord Schools and received his GED at the top of his class while serving our country. He served his country faithfully in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Of the many places that Richard was assigned throughout his military career he was fortunate enough to be assigned to Germany and the Isle of Crete in the Medi-

terranean. He retired with 20+ years from the United States Air Force in 1973. Following his military career, he worked for CONTEL which later became Oxford Networks and retired from there after 12 years.

Mr. Clark was a member of the American Legion; the Bethel Lodge of Masons AF&AM; Kora Shrine, where he was a Funster; the NRA, the Windy Valley Snowmobile Club and the American Legion of Gorham, N.H. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing, hunting and he was also a champion skeet shooter.

He married Elizabeth Dore on March 12, 1955. They have lived in Newry for 36 years coming from Concord, N.H.

Richard is predeceased by a brother, Irvin Clark; and a sister, Constance Witham.

Surviving are his beloved wife of Newry; son Richard Paul Clark, Jr. and his wife Cynthia Pipes of Amarillo, Texas; a daughter, Tracie Clark and her partner Beverly Roland of Centennial, Colo.; a half-sister, Francis Mitchell of Port Richey, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Jeannette Hausmann of Spring Hill, Fla.

The family would like to express their thanks to the nursing staff at Rumford Community Hospital for the care he received and the compassion they showed the family. Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel, followed by a Masonic ritualistic service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33607.

BARBARA MANNING

Barbara S. Manning, 84, of Boxford, Mass., died Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, 2015 at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris.

Barbara was born on April 4, 1930 in Brewster, N.Y., the only daughter of Theodore and Gladys

(Ferguson) Schaefer. She attended schools local to Brewster and went on to attend and graduate from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. It is there that she met classmate and future husband, Robert L. Manning, whom she married on June 13, 1953 in Brewster, N.Y. They lived in a variety of places in the east before settling in Boxford, Mass., where they raised their son, Rob, and where she worked for many years as the Foreign Language Administrative Assistant at Masconomet Regional High School.

Throughout her life, Barbara thoroughly enjoyed her family and friends, with whom she shared wonderful social events, recipes, travel, and reunions at the lake and in Florida, where she and her husband spent time every winter. During her retirement, Barbara continued to travel to such places as Nepal and China, and she always brought home souvenirs to share her adventures. Summers were spent at the family house on the shores of Thompson Lake in Poland. Barbara's involvement in clubs and organizations in the Boxford area as well as in Maine are testament to her keen interest in her communities. She was also an extremely loyal alumna of St. Lawrence University, her beloved alma mater.

Barbara is loved by her husband, Robert Manning; her son, Rob and his wife, Denise (Eschenbach) and their son, Alec of Bethel; cousins, Roger Schaefer of Basking Ridge, N.J. and David Schaefer of Concord, Mass.

Donations can be made in Barbara's memory to either, St. Lawrence University, 23 Romoda Drive, Canton, N.Y. 13617 or the Maine Veterans Home of South Paris, 477 High Street South Paris, Maine 04281. Words of condolence and tribute may be shared with her family and friends at www.chandlerfunerals.com. Interment will be at the Village Cemetery in Boxford, Mass. Arrangements are in the care of the Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.

Births

PRESCOTT

Jason and Sara Prescott of Waterford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brooklyn Prescott, born on Jan. 8, 2015 at 6:57 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Kay Laslie of Portland.

Paternal grandparents are Gale and Louann Bell of Waterford.

Bethel Real Estate Transfers

Savage Land Development, LLC to Christine McClure of Mapleville, R.I., property at Timber Creek Subdivision Lot 12. \$272,520, Sept. 4, 2014.

Bruce Lane to Pok Sun Lane of Bethel, land and building at 141 Main Street. \$150,000, Sept. 9, 2014.

Bruce E. and Judith A. Smith to Ruby Archer Bean of Rumford, land and building at 1405 Intervale Road. \$182,000, Sept. 12, 2014.

Genevieve C. Donnellan to Gregory L. and Jaime M. Gilman of Bethel, land and building at 51 Chapman Hill Road. \$147,500, Sept. 22, 2014.

Esther C. Wilson to Yuma Enterprises, LLC of Bethel, land and building at 212 East Bethel Road. \$14,000, Sept. 27, 2014.

Susan L. Driscoll to Paul J. and Kimball L. Rigby of Ipswich, Mass., land and building at 160 Paradise Road. \$125,600, Sept. 30, 2014.

Janet C. and William H. Black, Jr. to Scott G. Smith of Norway, commercial/residential property at 2 Broad Street. \$223,000, Oct. 1, 2014.

Sandra E. Noble to Scott P. and Andrea K. Crowell of Bethel, property at 59 Intervale Road. \$206,000, Oct. 16, 2014.

John J. and Ann M. Chernocho to GERALYN A. FITZGERALD and Paul Hogan of Kennebunkport, condominium at 15 Mill Hill Road. \$59,000, Oct. 17, 2014.

Peter and Sarah Southam to Tabitha and John Steward of Baytown, Texas, land and building at 249 Songo Pond Road. \$18,000, Oct. 23, 2014.

Matthew Burgess to Scott Lalumiere of Portland, property at 9 Songo Pond Road. \$80,000, Oct. 24, 2014.

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